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Lincoln Twp. raises wastewater rate 9.9%

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
HP Staff Writer

STEVENSVILLE — Lincoln Township is increasing its wastewater rates again to address an aging infrastructure and a depleted reserve fund.

At Tuesday's board meeting, trustees agreed to a 9.9 percent wastewater rate increase for 2021, which would be used to help cover the township's bill from a Southwest Michigan Regional Sanitary Sewer and Water Authority project, plus other ongoing projects.

Supervisor Dick Stauffer said the increase on average would lead to an extra $8.50 cost per quarter, or about $34 more a year for residents.

"Our system is 50 years old in some parts of it it and the lift stations are starting to need expensive maintenance," Stauffer said. "And we're in negotiations with St. Joseph Charter Township on a Maiden Lane shared sewer system. This will help with a lot of projects."

The 9.9 percent increase will begin by Jan. 1.

The increase came as a recommendation from the township's consultants, Utility Financial Services.

This is the second consecutive year the township has increased its wastewater rate 9.9 percent, instead of its usual 4 percent increase. Last year, trustees agreed to do so over the next five years – making 2021 the second of a five-year period in which residents will see a 9.9 percent rate increase year over year.

The 9.9 percent rate increase was discussed and approved for the first time last year after trustees learned it would bring the township's wastewater reserve fund back up to a $4 million threshold.

The township's reserve fund has slowly dipped over the past couple years, due to a series of projects.

Among the largest of the projects the increase would help with is the $1.8 million expense the township paid as part of a Southwest Michigan Regional Sanitary Sewer and Water Authority project.

Lincoln Township paid for a large portion of the $4 million project because it was divided among several municipalities, based on population.

Stauffer said the township plans to also use any additional funds to pay for lift station repairs and replacing sewer lines throughout the township.

However, there will be no increase in the water community surcharge.

Stauffer said the water community surcharge is a "small charge" added onto the city's water bill to each resident.

While residents pay the city of St. Joseph for water, the added charge, which goes to the community surcharge, is used to maintain and repair township water lines.

Other items

The township lost a polling station this week only to find a larger venue as a possible replacement.

Clerk Stacy Loar-Porter said the township was notified that Pilgrim Congressional Church along Glenlord Road would no longer be available to be used as a township polling station.

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DARK SKIES

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A front moves in over Lake Michigan as a woman walks past the stainless steel sculpture "Young Flight" by Gail mally-mack along an empty Silver Beach on Tuesday afternoon in St. Joseph.

List of SH city manager candidates whittled to 7

Several local officials are in the running

By BECKY KARK
For The Herald-Palladium

SOUTH HAVEN — Several municipal leaders in Southwest Michigan are among the seven candidates a panel has chosen to be interviewed for the South Haven city manager position.

Covert Township Clerk Daywi Cook, Watervliet City Manager Tyler Dotson and South Haven Interim City Manager Kate Hosier are among the seven candidates who will be interviewed next week by an interview panel consisting of community leaders and Mayor Scott Smith.

The other four candidates are Aaron Thelenwood, operations manager for the West Michigan Regional Airport in Holland and solid waste/recycling and sustainability coordinator for the city of Holland; Timothy Wolff, village manager of Lake Isabella, near Mt. Pleasant; Brady Selner, planning and zoning administrator for Mason County; and Mark Borden, former manager of Carson City, who is currently executive director at Anesthesia Associates of Ann Arbor.

"In all, we had 21 solid candidates throughout the U.S. apply for the position," said Kim Wise, the city's human resource director who is overseeing the search to replace Brian Dissette, who left in July to become Berrien County's administrator. "The candidates came from Florida, North Carolina, New York, Wisconsin, Illinois, Ohio and Michigan."

An interview panel has been meeting for several weeks to sift through applications, and in late August whittled down the list of 21 to seven. They then forwarded their list to the city council for its approval. The council met in closed session Aug. 31, and after a lengthy meeting gave its blessing for the interview panel to proceed with interviewing the seven candidates, according to Wise.

The panel consists of Mayor Scott Smith, Eddie Polk, senior technical instructor at Entergy; Stephanie Timmer, vice president of the Western Market for Sturgis Bank & Trust Co.; Ross Stein, South Haven Township supervisor; and Bob Strait, retired

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BENTON HARBOR

City buys 2 garbage trucks

In-house trash collection almost a reality

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

BENTON HARBOR — People driving into Benton Harbor will soon know they are in Tiger country when they see the city's new orange and black garbage cans.

Benton Harbor city commissioners approved buying 2,700 trash containers last month for $142,850 as they prepare to bring garbage collection in-house starting Oct. 1.

During their meeting Tuesday night, they approved purchasing two used garbage trucks for $239,000, which includes delivery.

The garbage cans will be black and orange in honor of the school district's colors, said city Commissioner Ron Singleton after the meeting. Singleton has been spearheading the project to bring garbage collection in-house for over a year.

"We want to distinguish (our trash containers) from all the other cans around us and add some pride to our city," he said.

The cans and garbage trucks, which will arrive the week of Sept. 21, are being financed, he said.

And within the next week, he said they will hire the people needed to run the garbage operation – two full-time and one part-time positions.

"I'll feel good the first day to see them out there in operation," he said.

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Michigan Senate leader says absentee ballot processing bill still alive

By DAVID EGGERT
Associated Press

LANSING — A bill that would allow Michigan clerks to start processing absentee ballots before Election Day is not dead, and the August primary legitimized concerns that some officials will not be able to quickly handle a surge of mailed-in ballots during the coronavirus pandemic, a legislative leader said.

Senate Majority Leader Mike Shirkey, a Republican, said the Senate continues to "finesse" the bipartisan proposal that has been on hold in the chamber since May. It is sponsored by Republican Sen. Ruth Johnson, a former secretary of state. Similar legislation, backed by Democrats, is pending in the House.

"It wouldn't surprise me that we get enough support to do something before the general election and then evaluate it afterward," Shirkey, who previously opposed the measure, told The Associated Press last week. Allowing clerks to begin processing, but not counting, ballots the day before the election would not necessarily be a permanent change, he said.

Temporarily revising the law, Shirkey said, would enable the state to take "controlled steps, acknowledging that things have changed but not putting the integrity of the election in jeopardy." He said he could not predict if or when the Senate would act but said it is "being very seriously considered."

He said some jurisdictions efficiently processed an enormous number of absentee ballots while others "struggled to get it done. That represents a difference of processes and also a difference of the availability of people working at the elections. We can't deny that. I do believe that the data presented after the primary does legitimize the question."

A record 2.5 million votes were cast in the primary, as people took advantage of no-excuse absentee voting during the pandemic. About 1.6 million ballots cast were absentee – returned by mail, at drop boxes or inside clerks' offices – topping the record of 1.3 million from November 2016.

Democratic Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson, local clerks and voting-rights groups have urged the Republican-led Legislature to let election workers start processing absentee ballots the day before Election Day. Benson has warned that the results of close races in November likely will not be known until three days later – maybe longer – without

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Doctors studying why obesity may be tied to serious COVID-19

By CANDICE CHOI
Associated Press

NEW YORK — In the early days of the pandemic, doctors noticed something about the people severely ill from COVID-19: Many were obese.

The link became more apparent as coronavirus swept across the globe and data mounted, and researchers are still trying to figure out why.

Excess weight increases the chances of developing a number of health problems, including heart disease and diabetes. And those are among the conditions that can make COVID-19 patients more likely to get very sick.

But there's some evidence that obesity itself can increase the likelihood of serious complications from a coronavirus infection. One study of more than 5,200 infected people, including 35 percent who were obese, found that the chances of hospitalization rose for people with higher BMIs, even when taking into account other conditions that could put them at risk.

Scientists are still studying the factors that might be at play – the way obesity affects the immune system may be one – but say it's another example of the pandemic illuminating existing public health challenges.

Obesity may be one reason some countries or communities have been hit hard by the virus, researchers say. In the United States, the obesity rate among adults has climbed for decades and is now at 42 percent. The rate is even higher among Black and Hispanic Americans.

A person who is 5 feet, 7 inches tall is considered obese starting at around 190 pounds, or a body mass index of 30. The increased risk for serious COVID-19 illness appears more pronounced with extreme obesity, or a BMI of 40 or higher.

Researchers say multiple factors likely make it harder for people who are obese to fight a coronavirus infection, which can damage the lungs. Carrying around a lot of extra weight strains the body, and that excess fat could limit the lungs' ability to expand and breathe.

Another issue is chronic inflammation, which often comes with obesity. Inflammation is a natural way our bodies fight harmful intruders like viruses. But long-lasting inflammation isn't healthy and could undermine your body's defenses when a real threat arises.

"It's like pouring gasoline on a smoldering fire," said Dr. Dariush Mozaffarian, an obesity researcher and dean of Tufts University's school of nutrition science and policy near Boston.

And even if people who are obese aren't diagnosed with diabetes or heart disease, Mozaffarian notes their health may not be optimal.

How fat is distributed in the body may play a role too. One study found an increased risk for death from COVID-19 for people with severe obesity, but only among men.

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Tuesday drawings

Michigan
Midday Daily 3
8-7-1
Midday Daily 4
6-9-4-5
Daily 3
9-5-2
Daily 4
6-1-5-9
Fantasy 5
01-12-20-21-39
Keno
03-04-05-06-13-14-16-19-21-23-27-28-33-38-46-48-56-59-62-66-75-79
Mega Millions jackpot
$97 million
Powerball jackpot
$66 million

Monday drawings

Indiana
Cash 5
02-08-13-25-39
Cash4Life
01-02-20-37-56, Cash Ball: 3
Quick Draw Midday
07-08-09-14-16-18-19-20-31-33-38-41-48-57-58-59-65-74-77-79, BE: 16
Daily Three-Midday
8-6-6, SB: 2
Daily Three-Evening
8-2-7, SB: 4
Daily Four-Midday
1-1-3-6, SB: 2
Daily Four-Evening
1-8-5-2, SB: 4
Quick Draw Evening
05-08-10-14-15-16-21-23-27-32-37-41-45-49-51-54-62-68-74-78, BE: 45

Illinois
Lotto
05-23-40-41-45-47, Extra Shot: 4
LuckyDay Lotto Midday
04-28-34-38-39
Pick Three-Midday
3-9-0, Fireball: 5
Pick Three-Evening
3-7-9, Fireball: 2
Pick Four-Midday
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Evan Vucci / AP
President Donald Trump delivers remarks on the environment at Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse and Museum in Jupiter, Fla., on Tuesday.

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Democratic presidential candidate former Vice President Joe Biden talks with union leaders after taking photographs outside the AFL-CIO headquarters in Harrisburg, Pa., on Monday.

Trump, Biden and the road to 270 electoral votes

By STEVE PEOPLES, KATHLEEN HENNESSEY, and JILL COLVIN
Associated Press

WAYZATA, Minn. — For such a volatile year, the White House race between President Donald Trump and Democratic challenger Joe Biden has been remarkably consistent.

With Election Day just eight weeks away, Biden is maintaining the same comfortable lead in most national polls that he enjoyed through the summer. He also has an advantage, though narrower, in many of the battleground states that will decide the election. Trump remains in striking distance, banking on the intensity of his most loyal supporters and the hope that disillusioned Republicans ultimately swing his way.

Still, both parties are braced for the prospect of sudden changes ahead, particularly as Trump makes an aggressive pitch to white suburban voters focused on safety and fear of violent unrest. It's unclear how well his rhetoric will resonate, but Democrats insist it can't be ignored, especially in the upper Midwest.

That's especially true in Minnesota, a state that hasn't voted for a Republican presidential candidate since 1972. Democrats there say they're increasingly concerned that the state is genuinely in play this year.

"Trump can win Minnesota," said Rep. Dean Phillips, who in 2018 became the first Democrat to win his suburban Minneapolis district since 1960. "It's real. It's absolutely real."

While Trump's campaign is touting a play for Minnesota as a way to expand the electoral map, the president is playing defense in a host of the other battleground states he needs in order to secure the 270 Electoral College votes to keep the White House. Biden's campaign is laser-focused on the states in the Midwest and close by that Trump flipped in 2016 – Michigan, Wisconsin and Pennsylvania – and also making a robust play for Arizona, a state that hasn't backed a Democratic presidential candidate since 1996.

Biden is also redoubling his focus on Florida, the biggest prize among the perennial battlegrounds and a state that would virtually block Trump's reelection if it swings Democratic. Biden's allies hoped the devastating toll of the pandemic would put them in a strong position there, but a poll released on Tuesday found voters were closely divided. Kamala Harris, Biden's running mate, will make the campaign's first in-person appearance in Florida on Thursday.

Beyond Florida, recent polls suggest close races in Pennsylvania and North Carolina, while a Fox News poll conducted after the recent national conventions gave Biden an advantage in Wisconsin. Polls conducted earlier in the summer also suggested a Biden lead in Michigan, though no polling has been conducted there since the conventions. Another post-convention Fox News poll found a Biden advantage in Arizona.

Still, polls that showed competitive races or even Democratic advantages in traditionally Republican states proved to be false indicators for Democrats in 2016.

Biden's aides are bullish about competing on a broad map that includes multiple states Trump won in 2016, including Florida, Arizona, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Michigan and Wisconsin.

"There's a number of combinations that will allow us to get where we need to go and get over the 270 hump," Jennifer O'Malley Dillon, Biden's campaign manager, told reporters last week.

But Trump has some important organizational advantages.

The campaigns will match each other almost dollar for dollar on television advertising nationwide through Election Day – each side has reserved $149 million in TV ads – but the money isn't distributed evenly, according to the ad tracking firm Kantar/CMAG. In Minnesota, for example, Trump is scheduled to spend four times as much as Biden.

Trump has been far more willing to invest his time with swing-state voters on the campaign trail. His rally last month in Mankato was his fifth appearance in Minnesota since taking office. He was in both Florida and North Carolina on Tuesday.

And while Biden resumed in-person campaigning last week after months of avoiding significant travel because of the pandemic, Trump is expected to embrace a much more aggressive campaign schedule than Biden in the coming weeks.

What should I look for in a hand sanitizer?

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

What should you look for in a hand sanitizer?

Pick one that contains mostly alcohol, and has few other ingredients.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says hand sanitizers should be at least 60 percent ethyl alcohol or 70 percent isopropyl alcohol. Other approved ingredients may include sterile distilled water, hydrogen peroxide and glycerin, according to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

You should avoid anything with methanol or 1-propanol, both of which can be highly toxic.

The FDA also warns people to watch out for hand sanitizers packaged in food and drink containers, since accidentally ingesting them could be dangerous.

Health officials also say to avoid hand sanitizers that replace alcohol with benzalkonium chloride, which is less effective at killing certain bacteria and viruses.

Making your own sanitizers isn't encouraged either; the wrong mix of chemicals can be ineffective or cause skin burns.

And you should only use hand sanitizer when you can't wash your hands with soap and water, says Barun Mathema, an infectious disease researcher at Columbia University.

Hand washing is better at removing more germs.

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Stevensville village president opts not to run again

David Wenger poised to take over

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

STEVENSVILLE — In January, Stevensville will have a new village president.

The current president, Steve Slavicek, said he's stepping down after being on the village council for 12 years.

"I did my time and I want to do other stuff," he said.

Running unopposed in the November election for the two-year term as president is David Wenger, who has lived in Stevensville for 10 years. This will be his first position with the village, assuming he is elected.

He said he's been approached over the past few years by trustees asking him if he's interested in serving on the council, first as a trustee and then as president.

"I love my community, love Stevensville," said Wenger, director of business development for True Family Dental.

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A new water fountain and picnic tables have recently been installed near the corner of St. Joseph Avenue and Kimmel Street, in downtown Stevensviile. It's one of the things outgoing president Steve Slavicek is proud of.

Wenger said he's read over the minutes from the past few meetings and is impressed with what the council has been doing, including opening a dog park.

If elected, he said he would like to help the village continue with its economic development.

"I want to work with the current council that's there now and do the job that the residents of the village would like to see done," he said.

Slavicek also serves as the village's manager, a post he also plans to leave.

Wenger said he's only interested in being the village's president.

Slavicek said that he's proud of what he's accomplished during his time on the village council.

"I think I've got things done that needed to be done," he said. "The village has been moving forward since I was president."

In addition to the dog park, he said several new businesses have moved to the village and Legion Road was resurfaced. In August, a drinking fountain and two picnic tables were put in across the street from the village hall at the corner of St. Joseph Avenue and Kimmel Street, although the drinking fountain is being kept off due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Slaviceck said they hope to be able to turn the fountain on in the spring. He said that besides a place for people to drink from, the fountain has an area for dogs to drink from and a place to refill bottles.

Three incumbents are running unopposed for their four-year seats as trustees – Pat Arter, Chris Mason and Amanda Pohyba.

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STROLLING ALONG

Don Campbell / HP staff

A couple stroll across the bridge over the Paw Paw River near the Inn at Harbor Shores during a recent afternoon walk.

Recycling event Sept. 19 at Silver Beach

By HP STAFF

ST. JOSEPH — Berrien County residents can bring unwanted foam, electronics, and household chemicals to Silver Beach County Park on Saturday, Sept. 19 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for recycling or safe disposal, according to a news release.

This event is drive-through only. Participants must stay in their vehicle. The fees are $10 per computer monitor and $20 per television. Have payment ready, cash or check. Exact change preferred. Staff will unload all items from vehicles. Foam will be unloaded first, electronics unloaded second, with household chemicals and batteries unloaded last. Please pack your vehicle accordingly to make it easy for unloading.

Foam includes foam coolers, foam cups, clean foam to-go containers, egg cartons, foam block packaging, and Styrofoam. Foam must be clean and dry. Packing peanuts and soft foam will NOT be accepted. Foam will be recycled by Tri-Power Recycling in Elkhart, IN.

Electronics that are accepted include computers towers, computer monitors ($10/monitor fee), TVs ($20/TV fee), small and large appliances, dehumidifiers, window air conditioners, DVD/VCR players, phones, power tools, vacuum cleaners, or any household item with a cord or items that run on batteries. The fee for computer monitors and TVs is due at the event. Other electronics are accepted at no cost to the resident. Items will be collected by Green Earth Electronics Recycling, located in St. Joseph. They are open Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. for electronics drop off, as well. Call 269-326-1232 with electronics recycling questions.

Accepted household chemicals include auto liquids, yard and garden chemicals, cleaners, pool chemicals, solvents, oil-based paint, stain, and most other paint products (latex paint not accepted). Also accepted are household and auto batteries of all sizes, fluorescent light bulbs, and home medical waste including pills and sharps. Unwanted pills should be taken out of the original pill bottle and combined together in a sealable bag. Medical sharps/needles must be brought in a puncture proof container, such as a ridged plastic bottle or tub. No loose sharps will be accepted.

Latex paint, or water-based paint, is NOT be accepted. Latex paint can be recycled at Ace Hardware in St. Joseph and Stevensville, for a fee. Or latex paint can be dried out and placed in with regular curbside trash. To quickly dry out latex paint, mix in latex paint drying powder that can be found at most hardware stores. Or mix in kitty litter or other non-toxic material to help speed up drying time.

Donations are accepted to help pay for collection costs. This event is open to Berrien County residents only. Waste from businesses is prohibited.

More information can be found at www.berriencounty.org, then click Recycling Services, or call Jill Adams at 269-983-7111 x8234. The event is coordinated by the Berrien County Parks Department.

IN BRIEF

2 injured in crash near Niles

NILES — Two people were taken to the hospital following a one-vehicle crash near Niles Tuesday.

It happened at about 6:15 a.m. on U.S. 12 near Worrell Street in Cass County's Milton Township.

The Cass County Sheriff's Office said Eric Sienicki, 37, of Niles, was driving east on U.S. 12 when he had a medical problem and crashed into a utility police. He and his passenger, Stacy Champagne, 41, of Niles, were taken by Southwest Michigan Community Ambulance Service to South Bend Memorial Hospital for treatment of their injuries, police said. Both were wearing seat belts, according to police.

Deputies were assisted at the scene by Niles police and Niles Township Fire Department.

The accident remains under investigation.

LWV to host scholar at Constitution Day event

By HP STAFF

STEVENSVILLE — A constitution scholar will speak in Stevensville next week during a Constitution Day celebration hosted by the League of Women Voters of Berrien and Cass Counties.

STONE

Geoffrey R. Stone, Edward H. Levi distinguished service professor at the University of Chicago Law School, will speak at 5 p.m. Sept. 17 at the Community Center Park, 5575 S. Roosevelt Road, behind the Lincoln Township Library.

Stone will speak on "Democracy and Equality: The Fundamental Values of the American Constitution." Following the presentation, the audience will have an opportunity to ask questions.

This event is open to the public and those who attend should wear a mask and plan to social distance at all times. People attending are welcome to bring lawn chairs and to remain afterward for conversation and to celebrate the Constitution.

Stone served as law clerk to Supreme Court Justice William J. Brennan, and also served as dean of the Law School, and later as provost of the University of Chicago.

Stone is an author, with his next book, "National Security, Leaks and The Freedom of the Press," scheduled for publication in Spring 2021.

He was appointed by President Barack Obama to serve on the President's Review Group on Intelligence and Communications Technologies which evaluated the government's foreign intelligence surveillance programs in the wake of the Edward Snowden leaks.

The League of Women Voters of Berrien and Cass Counties Michigan is a nonpartisan political organization that aims to encourage informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy. For more information, visit www.lwvmi.org.

No serious injuries in brief Harbor Towers fire

Red Cross assisting those who were displaced

By HP STAFF

BENTON HARBOR — No one was seriously injured and damage was kept to a minimum when firefighters made quick work of a blaze at the Harbor Towers apartment high rise Monday, according to a new release.

Benton Harbor Department of Public Safety Deputy Director Michael Phelps said crews were called at 10:50 a.m. on a report of a fire in a fifth-floor apartment. He said firefighters arrived to find moderate smoke coming from a window on the fifth floor, and were quickly able to contain the fire to the apartment where it originated.

The Red Cross is assisting about 10 residents who were displaced due to the fire, Phelps said.

Phelps said public safety officers, battling heat and smoke, helped residents get out of the building, and one person was treated at the scene for smoke inhalation but declined to go to the hospital. No other injuries were reported, Clark said.

The department did not report on the cause of the fire.

The Benton Harbor Department of Public Safety was assisted by Benton Township Fire Department, St. Joseph Department of Public Safety, Medic 1 ambulance and the American Red Cross.

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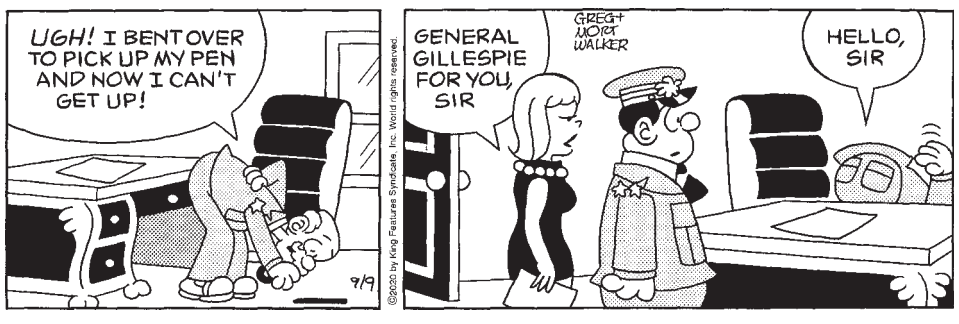
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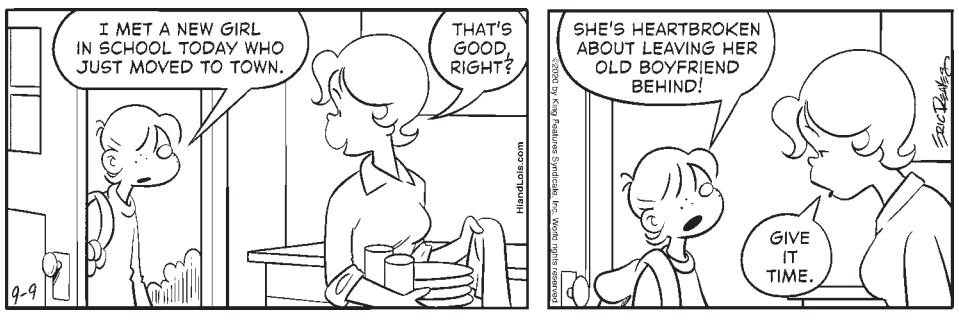
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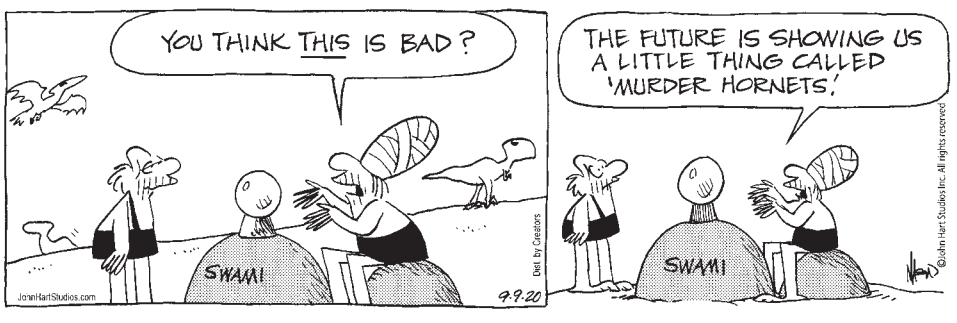

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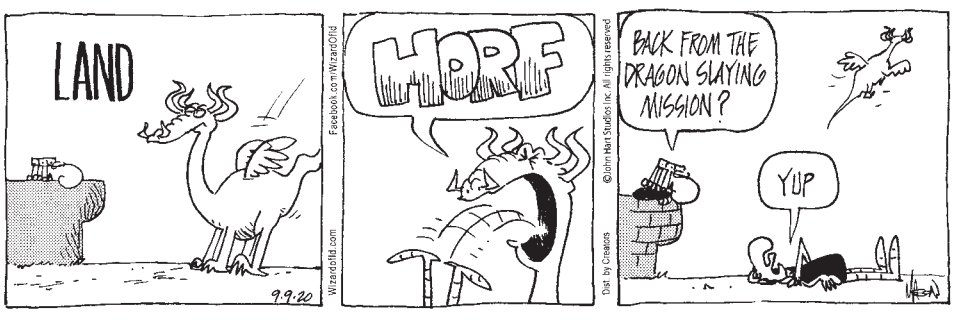

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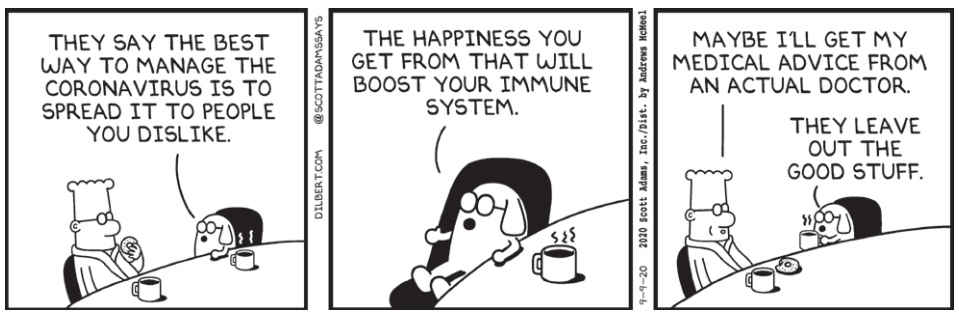
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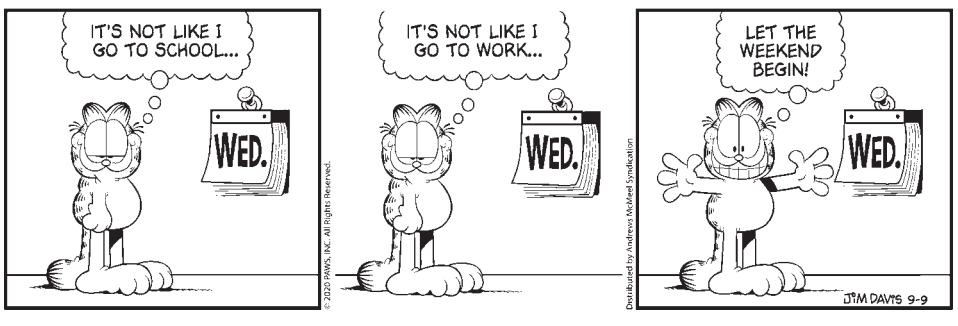
IT'S NOT LIKE I GO TO SCHOOL...
WED.
IT'S NOT LIKE I GO TO WORK...
WED.
LET THE WEEKEND BEGIN!
WED.
JIM DAVIS 9-9
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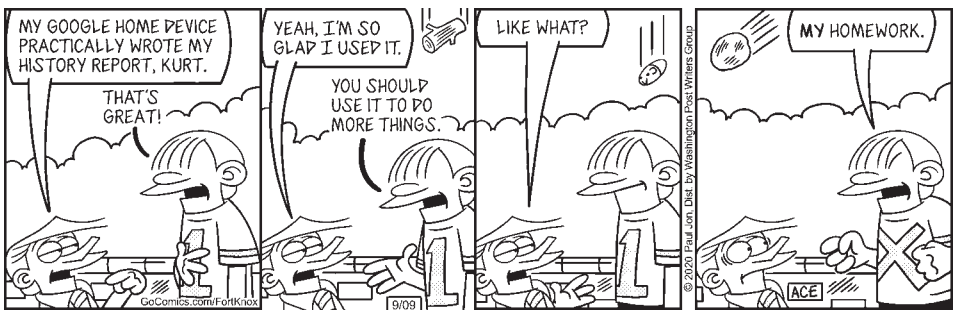
MY GOOGLE HOME DEVICE PRACTICALLY WROTE MY HISTORY REPORT, KURT.
THAT'S GREAT!
YEAH, I'M SO GLAD I USED IT.
YOU SHOULD USE IT TO DO MORE THINGS.
LIKE WHAT?
MY HOMEWORK.
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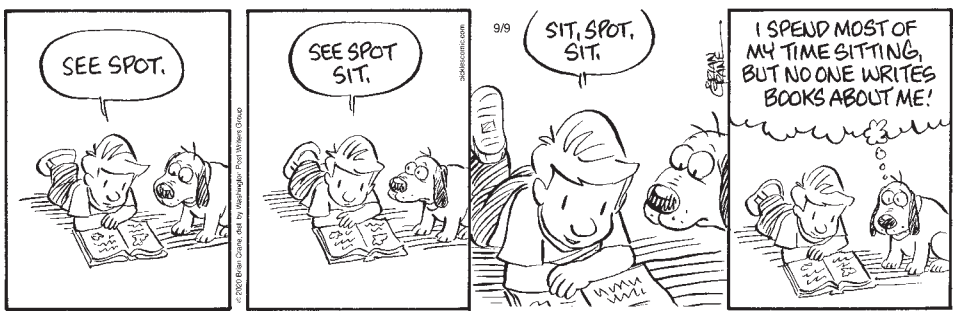
SEE SPOT.
SEE SPOT SIT.
SIT, SPOT, SIT.
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I SPEND MOST OF MY TIME SITTING, BUT NO ONE WRITES BOOKS ABOUT ME!
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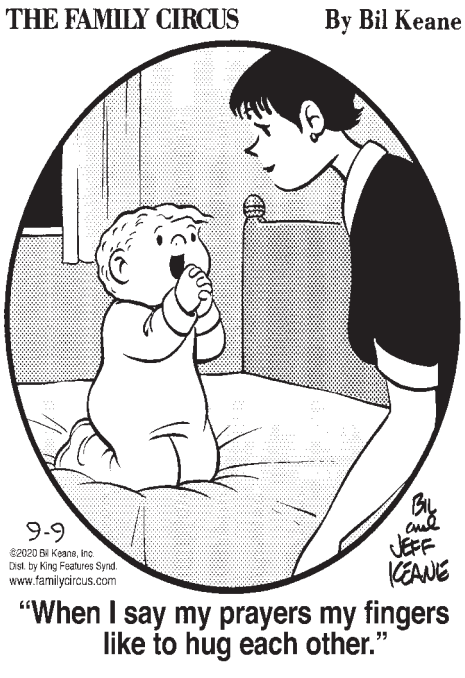
THE FAMILY CIRCUS
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Bil and JEFF KEANE
"When I say my prayers my fingers like to hug each other."

DENNIS THE MENACE

BABY BLUES

MS. SHULKIN SAID THE CUTEST THING TODAY AT SCHOOL.
WHAT DID SHE SAY?
PLEASE TURN TO PAGE TWENTY-THREE.
THAT'S YOUR IDEA OF "CUTE"?
TRUST ME. IT WAS ADORABLE.
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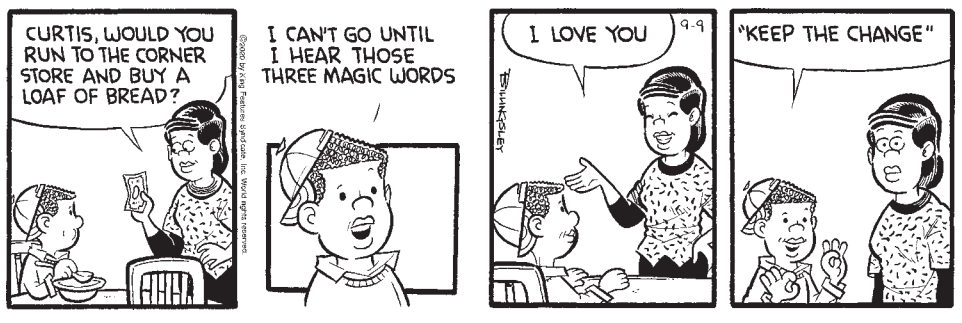
CURTIS, WOULD YOU RUN TO THE CORNER STORE AND BUY A LOAF OF BREAD?
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I CAN'T GO UNTIL I HEAR THOSE THREE MAGIC WORDS
I LOVE YOU
9-9
"KEEP THE CHANGE"

ZITS

I CAN'T FIND MY DEATH RAT T-SHIRT.
IT HAD HOLES IN IT, JEREMY...
...SO I REPURPOSED IT FOR YOU!
I WANT MY HOLES BACK.
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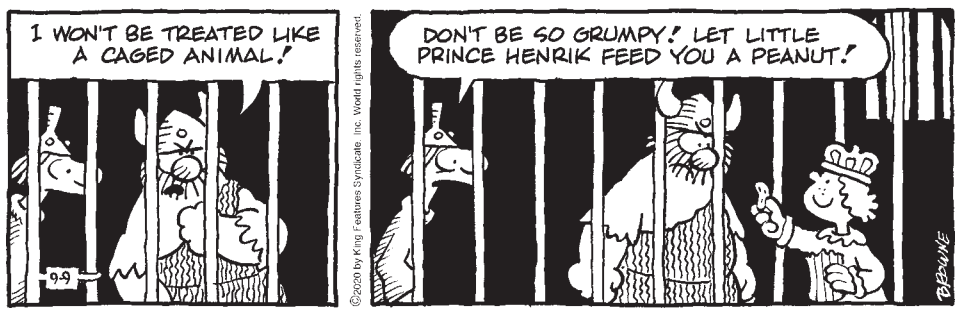
HAGAR THE HORRIBLE


I WON'T BE TREATED LIKE A CAGED ANIMAL!
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DON'T BE SO GRUMPY! LET LITTLE PRINCE HENRIK FEED YOU A PEANUT!
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BROOME

MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM

WANT TO SEE "I KNOW WHAT YOU DID LAST SUMMER"?
VIDEOS
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I KNOW WHAT YOU DID LAST SUMMER
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OR THE NEW SENIOR CITIZENS VERSION, "I FORGOT WHAT I DID THIS MORNING."
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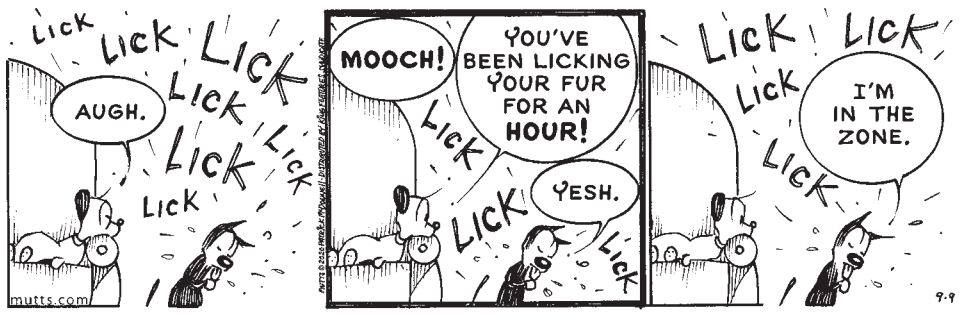

SALLY FORTH

WELCOME BACK TO THE OFFICE, EVERYONE...
BACK TO A NEW NOT-NORMAL NORMAL. BACK TO A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT BUSINESS LANDSCAPE...
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KEEFE
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OH, UH, "BACK TO THE FUTURE"! "BACK IN BLACK"!
"SNAP BACK TO REALITY," OH-
NOT A GAME. NOT A GAME. I'M ASKING YOU, PLEASE, SHUT UP FOREVER.

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PRIME TIME TV

WEDNESDAY EVENING SEP. 9

	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30
ABC 7 13 41 57	Wheel of Fortune	The Gold-bergs	black-ish	The Con-ners	Housewife	The Gold-bergs	The Con-ners
CBS 2 3 22	Ent. Tonight	Big Brother (N) CC		Love Island (N) CC		48 Hours: Suspicion (Series (P)) (N)	
NBC 5 8 16	Ac. Holly-wood	America's Got Talent "Results Show 5" (N)		:01 Inspire Change (N)		Chicago Fire "51's Original Bell"	
FOX 17 222 28 32	Modern Family	MasterChef The top six chefs travel to London. CC (DVS)				Fox 17 News at 10:00PM (N) CC	
PBS 34	Outdoor Elements	NOVA "Human Nature" Scientists study implica-tions of CRISPR. (N) CC (DVS)				Hacking Your Mind (Series (P)) (N)	
CW 25	Big Bang Theory	The 100 "Blood Giant" (N) CC		Coroner "Confetti Heart" (N)		News	Seinfeld CC
MNT 50	Family Feud	Chicago P.D. "Looking Out for Stateville"		Dateline "Nightfall" CC		Dateline "Burning Suspicion" CC	
WCIU 26	Mike & Molly	The 100 "Blood Giant" (N) CC		Coroner "Confetti Heart" (N)		2 Broke Girls	2 Broke Girls
WHME 46	:00 Heart-land	Heartland Peter's announcement.		Highway to Heaven "Friends" CC		Nightly News	
WGN 9	News	black-ish CC	black-ish CC	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	WGN News at Nine (N) (L) CC	
A&E	:00 The First 48	The First 48 CC		The First 48 "Jacked; Fallen Idol"		First 48: Case-Haunts Me	
AMC	5:30 I, Robot	Bad Boys II ('03, Action) Martin Lawrence, Will Smith, Jordi Mollà. Two detectives battle a drug kingpin in Miami. CC					
Animal	Lone Star	Lone Star Law: Uncuffed "Tracing Bullets"				North Wo. Law	
BET	Just	Payne	Payne	As. Living	As. Living	Payne	Payne
Big Ten	:00 Women's College Volleyball			Women's College Volleyball CC			
Bravo	House-wives	Real Housewives/ Beverly		Real Housewives/ Beverly		Watch What	Boo! Madea
Cartoon	Gumball	Burgers	Burgers	American	American	Rick	Rick
Cinemax	The Aftermath	Shutter Island ('10) Leonardo DiCaprio. A 1950s lawman hunts an escaped murderess. CC					:20 Hellboy
CMT	Last Man	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom
CNBC	Shark	Shark Tank CC		Shark Tank		Jay Leno's Garage	
CNN	OutFront	Anderson Cooper		Cuomo Prime Time		CNN Tonight	
Comedy	:45 South Park		South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk
Discovery	Expedition	Expedition Unknown (N) CC		Dodgeball Thunder-dome (N) CC		9:58 Kaplan America "The Origin Story"	
Disney	Raven	Big City	Big City	Big City	Big City	Owl Hse.	Amphibia
DIY	Holmes	Restored CC		Restored (N) CC		Barnwood Builders	
E!	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley
ESPN	NBA Basketball			NBA Basketball: Clippers vs Nuggets			
ESPN2	:00 2020 U.S. Open Tennis Men's and Women's Quarterfinals. (N) (L)						
ESPNC	Baseball	MLB Baseball				MLB Baseball	
Food	Grocery	Guy's Games		Guy's Games		Guy's Games	
Fox News	The Story	Tucker Carlson		Hannity (N) CC		The Ingraham Angle	
Fox Sports	:00 Glory Kickboxing			Strongman		Strongman	
Freefrm	:00 Despicable Me ('10) Voices of Steve Carell. CC			Despicable Me 2 ('13) Voices of Steve Carell, Kristen Wiig. CC			
FX	:00 Kingsman: The Golden Circle ('17, Action) Colin Firth, Julianne Moore, Taron Egerton. CC					Kingsman: The Golden Circle ('17)	
Golf	Wom. Golf			Wom. Golf			
Hallmark	Love Flight	Love in the Forecast ('20, Romance) Cindy Busby, Christopher Russell. CC				Golden Girls	Golden Girls
HBO	Lovecraft Country	Lovecraft Country "A History of Violence"		John Q ('02, Drama) Denzel Washington, Robert Duvall. CC			
History	Forged	Forged in Fire		Forged in Fire		:03 Forged in Fire	
HGTV	Property	Property Brothers (N)		Brother vs. Brother		Hunters	Hunt Intl
Learning	My 600-	My 600-Lb. Life "Nicole's Story"				My 600-Lb. Life	
Lifetime	Mar-ried-Sight	Married at First Sight "Opening Up Is Hard To Do" The couples settle into married life.				:03 Marrying Millions (N) CC	
MSNBC	ReidOut	All In With		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word	
MTV	Catfish	Catfish: The TV		Ghosted: Love Gone		Catfish: The TV	
NBCSCH	MLB Baseball Chicago White Sox at Pittsburgh Pirates.					Postgame	Victory
NFL	NFL Total	America's Game (N)		Time's		Kickoff Eve (N)	
Nick	Loud	Sponge.	Sponge.	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
NGEO	Secret	9/11: Control		9/11 Voices		G. Bush: 9/11	
Oxygen	Dateline: Secrets	Dateline: Secrets Un-covered "The Deed"		Dateline: Secrets Uncovered CC		Dateline: Secrets Uncovered CC	
Parmt	The Longest Yard ('05) Adam Sandler. CC					The Longest Yard	
Showtime	National Treasure	Face/Off ('97, Action) John Travolta. An FBI agent and a violent terrorist switch identities. CC					Si-
Starz	:14 That's My Boy ('12, Comedy) Adam Sandler. CC			:13 Ghost Rider ('07, Action) Nicolas Cage, Eva Mendes, Wes Bentley. CC			
STZENC	:25 Saving Silverman ('01, Comedy) Jason Biggs. CC			21 Jump Street ('12, Comedy) Jonah Hill, Channing Tatum. CC			
SyFy	5:26 Inferno	WWE NXT CC				Taken 2 ('12) Liam Neeson.	
TBS	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Full Frontal
TCM	Be-yond-Doubt	Mr. Belvedere Goes to College ('49) Clifton Webb.			:45 Mother Is a Freshman ('49) Loretta Young.		
TMC	6:15 Tusk ('14)	Rules of Engagement ('00) Tommy Lee Jones, Samuel L. Jackson. CC				:10 Official Secrets ('19) CC	
TNT	Bourne	All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite (N) CC				Bourne Suprm.	
Travel	Paranorm.	Paranormal Ca.		Paranormal Caught on Camera (N) CC			
TV Land	Andy G.	Raymond	Everybody Raymond		Raymond	Raymond	Raymond
USA	:00 NCIS	NHL Hockey (N) (L) CC					
VH1	6:30 All Eyez on Me ('17) Danai Gurira CC					Movie CC	
WGN-A	Last Man Standing	NewsNation (N) (L) CC		NewsNation (N) (L) CC		NewsNation (N) (L) CC	

Preventing falls could save lives

Elizabeth Ko & Eve Glazier
Ask the Doctors

DEAR DOCTOR: Would you please write about the risks of falls for the elderly, which can be fatal? The colonial houses in my area are dangerous and lead to many serious injuries and deaths. Now that so many of us are home alone more than ever, calling attention to this would be helpful.

DEAR READER: Thank you for bringing up a very important topic. Even before the coronavirus pandemic caused enforced isolation, falling had become the leading cause of injury-related death in people age 65 years and older. About 3 million older adults wind up in an emergency room each year due to a fall. More than 800,000 older adults are hospitalized each year due to serious injury. Even people who are lucky enough to get just a sprain or a bruise after falling can experience a marked decrease in their quality of life.

A common risk factor for falling is poor balance. This can be due to difficulty in walking, weakness in the lower body, foot pain, ill-fitting shoes, problems with vision and dizziness brought on by medications. Common hazards found inside the home include clutter, loose floor coverings, wobbly chairs or tables, extension cords, stairs, dim lighting, toilet seats that are too low, and slippery tubs or showers. Outside the house, sidewalk cracks, steep driveways and wet or icy pathways are all common trip hazards. Pets can also contribute to falling, both indoors and out.

To minimize risk, start with an inventory of potential hazards. Be honest about whether or not your balance is at all compromised. Signs of this include difficulty in rising from a chair or the need to steady yourself against a piece of furniture or a wall when walking from one place to another. If balance is an issue, it's important to ask your health care provider about using a cane or a walker for added stability. If it's determined this will be helpful, then be sure to use these aids consistently. When physical weakness is part of the problem, your health care provider can suggest strengthening exercises that are tailored to your specific needs and abilities. Keep up with vision appointments, and always wear your glasses. And be aware of the potential side effects of any medications. Sleep aids, pain meds with "P.M." in the name and some prescription medications can cause dizziness.

Analyze each room in the house, and identify potential dangers. As we mentioned before, area rugs and throw rugs are a common trip hazard. Stairs should have secure handrails on both sides. The stairs themselves should be free of clutter and have slip-proof surfaces. Make sure all parts of your home, inside and out, have adequate lighting. Install grab bars in tubs and showers and near the toilet if needed. A shower chair, along with a hand-held shower head, are also helpful. People who live alone may consider medical alert buttons or a fall-detection device.

Excellent information is available from the National Institutes of Health, at nih.gov. Just enter the words "prevent falls" into the search box at the top right of the page.

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Don't social engineer new parents' lives

Carolyn Hax

DEAR CAROLYN: Just as COVID-19 arrived, a couple my wife and I are close friends with, "Mary and Bob," had their first child. They decided Mary will not return to work and Bob will continue in his job.

These adjustments can be hard, and with COVID-19, the feelings of isolation make it even harder. My wife recently learned that Mary is feeling like Bob is spending too much time on activities that don't involve his family.

While the activities are safe and permitted under local guidelines, the time Bob spends away from his family is putting a significant strain on his relationship with Mary. Unfortunately, they don't seem to be communicating very well.

There is a small group activity – safe and permitted by local guidelines – I'm planning with just the guys. My wife and I are both torn on whether I should invite Bob.

The last thing I want to do is put more stress on Bob's relationship with Mary, but I don't want Bob to feel bad about being excluded. – What About Bob?

DEAR WHAT ABOUT BOB?: Invite Bob, and let Bob figure out whether to accept and how to navigate his marriage, baby and friendships.

I don't recommend even well-meaning attempts at social engineering based on second- and third-hand information.

What friends are well-positioned to do, almost uniquely so, is ease the new-parent workload and isolation. Pandemic protocols will limit you, but not completely.

You can still drop off dinner, run errands for them, invite them out as a family to a socially distanced activity. You can still and always be the friends who give them a safe place to talk as they figure this out.

Maybe one of the kindest things you can do is not think of Mary and Bob just as this, just in these terms. As you said yourself, these adjustments can be hard, and adjusting when you can't fill your home with helpers and supporters is no less than a cosmic cruelty.

But every life has its grueling phases. People living one difficult part of, in all likelihood, a long life together can really benefit from friends who focus less on the "grueling" and more on the "phase" – who see them as people and as friends and as individuals and as two people their baby is lucky to have as parents. Be the people who believe in them when they're low on belief in themselves.

DEAR CAROLYN: Whenever my roommate is confronted with a task, she tries to get me to do it. This ranges from regular requests for me to hand her things to pounding on the bathroom door when I'm on the toilet to ask me to intervene when her cat gets into something of hers.

I'm trying to set boundaries gently, because she's fragile, but I'm stuck on the mild versions of this – the constant requests that I get her things she can reach herself. They're annoying, but do I let them go? – Roommate

DEAR ROOMMATE: Pounding on the bathroom door? That's every "no" I've got.

I urge you to learn, quickly, to decline with calm, unflinching good nature any unwelcome request for non-emergency assistance. And to say this: "Unless there's a fire, do not bother me in the bathroom." After which you ignore the pounding every. single. time.

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ACROSS
1 Vagrant
4 Quiet
8 Lobster eggs
11 Popular cookie
13 Kitchen staple
14 Longoria of "Desperate Housewives"
15 Fireman's mascot
17 Musical notes
18 Most senior
19 Bashfully
21 College stat
22 Watch chain
23 Long stories
26 Sailing vessels
29 Aphrodite's child
30 University official
31 Giants hero of yore
33 Fashion accessory
34 Piglet plea
35 Lascivious look
36 Tired out
38 Force open with a crowbar
39 Ka-pow!
40 Pinch hitter
41 Panoply
44 Green
48 Earth: Prefix
49 Watered
52 LAX info
53 Lunch hour, often
54 Bone-dry
55 Bear's refuge
56 Gamelan instrument
57 Atlas abbr.

DOWN
1 Foreshadow
2 Russian range
3 Pinochle combo
4 Terra —
5 "The Greatest"
6 Grassy field
7 Rainy season
8 Depend
9 Racetrack
10 Simple
12 Bulova rivals
16 Serpents
20 Cable network
22 Harsh criticism
23 Embroider
24 Phoenix loc.
25 Disco dancer (hyph.)
26 Dispatch
27 Sonnet or ode
28 Watch winder
30 Caesar's day
32 Take a crack at
34 Approving
35 Many October babies
37 Lakers' org.
38 Carl Gustav —
40 Going to court
41 Matured
42 Nerve network
43 Chestnut or bay
45 Thing
46 Saucy
47 Jeannie portrayer
50 Milne marsupial
51 Howard or Ely

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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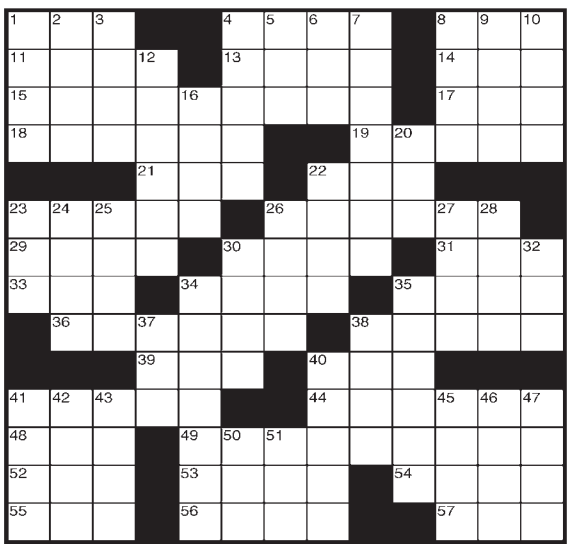

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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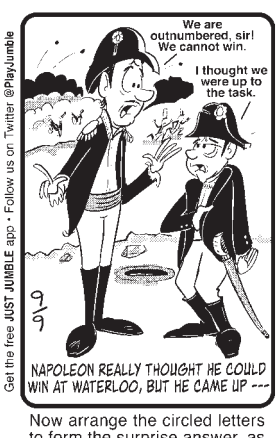
We are outnumbered, sir! We cannot win.
I thought we were up to the task.
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NAPOLEON REALLY THOUGHT HE COULD WIN AT WATERLOO, BUT HE CAME UP ---

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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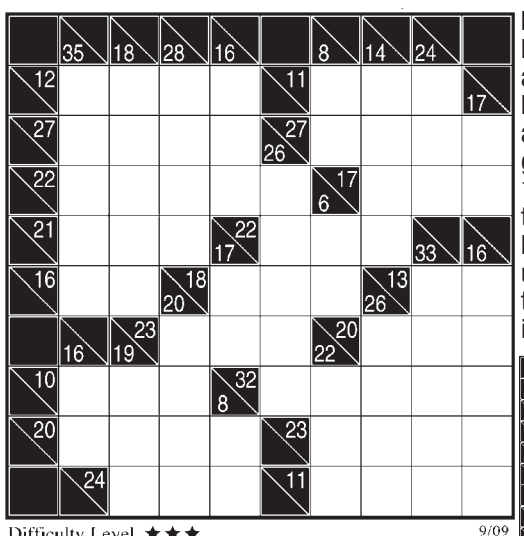
(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: UPEND ONION HUBCAP METHOD
Answer: The winner of the dog bone eating contest was the — "CHOMPION"

KAKURO



How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.

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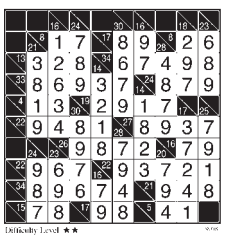

BRIDGE

Lucille Ball said, "I'm not funny. What I am is brave."

Only a brave person with a strange sense of humor would find anything funny in today's deal. Maybe that was in the back of Shakespeare's mind when he chose "A Comedy of Errors" as the title for his play.

After the given auction to four spades, West led the diamond queen: two, seven, three. South won the second diamond lead with his ace and drew trumps ending in the dummy. Next, he led a low club to his ace and a second club, playing low from the board when West's queen appeared. The best West could do was to cash his heart ace, and declarer claimed 10 tricks. How many errors were made?

There were three mistakes. The first was East's. Why hadn't West led a heart, despite East's (debatable) raise? Presumably because he had a suit headed by the ace without the king. So East should have striven to get on lead to play a heart through South's king. The diamond-queen lead showed the queen-jack. (The dummy made it most unlikely that this was a short-suit lead.) East should have overtaken with the diamond king at trick one, a play that would have marked him with the diamond 10 as well. However South maneuvered, East would have gained the lead, probably with the diamond 10, to make the key heart switch.

Once South had dodged that arrow, he should have made an avoidance play in clubs, leading low to his 10 on the first round.

When South didn't do that, West should have unblocked his club queen under South's ace. East would have won a trick with the club jack.

North 09-09-20
♠ Q J 10 8
♥ 5 4
♦ 6 2
♣ K 7 6 4 3

West
♠ 9 2
♥ A Q J 7 6
♦ Q J 9 8
♣ Q 2

East
♠ 5
♥ 10 9 3 2
♦ K 10 7 5 4
♣ J 9 8

South
♠ A K 7 6 4 3
♥ K 8
♦ A 3
♣ A 10 5

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: East-West

South	West	North	East
1♠	2♥	2♠	3♥
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♦ Q

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★☆☆☆

5				9	6			
			7					5
		9		5	3			2
	6			1			2	
	8	7	5	2	9	6	1	
	2			3			8	
3			9	6		4		
2					5			
			3	4				6

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HOW TO PLAY: Each row, column and set of 3-by-3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 through 9 without repetition.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

5	1	7	3	9	6	4	8	2
8	6	2	1	5	4	3	9	7
9	4	3	8	2	7	1	5	6
3	7	5	9	4	8	6	2	1
6	8	9	2	3	1	7	4	5
1	2	4	7	6	5	9	3	8
4	5	8	6	7	3	2	1	9
7	9	1	4	8	2	5	6	3
2	3	6	5	1	9	8	7	4

MEDICAL PEOPLE

Coleman joins staff at Southwestern Medical Clinic

NILES — Spectrum Health Lakeland has added Angela Coleman, NP, to its medical staff.

COLEMAN

She is seeing pediatric patients alongside a team of three physicians and four advance practitioners at Southwestern Medical Clinic, 2002 S. 11th St.

"I love seeing kids grow, and enjoy interacting with them and their families," Coleman said. "I want children to be as comfortable as possible when coming to the doctor, and for them to know that this is a place for help, health and happiness."

Coleman received her master's degree in nursing from Chamberlain University in Illinois, and is board-certified by the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners.

Prior to her new role, she was an obstetrics acute care nurse at Lakeland Hospital, Niles for five years.

For more information, or to find a pediatric provider, visit www.swmc.org or call 687-0200.

Spectrum Health Lakeland hires genetic counselor

ST. JOSEPH — Spectrum Health Lakeland recently welcomed oncology genetic counselor Samantha Witt to its staff.

WITT

Witt is seeing patients as part of the high-risk cancer program at Lakeland. Located within the Center for Outpatient Services at 3900 Hollywood Road, the program will work closely with patients to help them understand genetic risks, learn strategies for cancer prevention, and diagnose cancer at an earlier stage.

Witt received a master's degree in genetic counseling from Indiana State University.

Prior to joining Lakeland, she completed more than 125 genetic counseling cases during clinical rotations at six health systems with a focus in oncology, adult and prenatal care. She is a member of the National Society of Genetic Counselors.

Genetic counseling services at Lakeland will initially support patients at high risk for developing breast cancer with a plan to expand to other types of cancer soon.

For more information, or to find out if you qualify, call 932-9337 or email highrisk cancerclinic@lakelandhealth.org.

Items for Medical People should be sent to The Herald-Palladium, P.O. Box 128, St. Joseph, MI 49085, or emailed to focus@TheHP.com.

Recipes from an Arizona dude ranch

Jane Ammeson

Jane Ammeson / HP correspondent

One of the views from White Stallion Ranch in Tucson, Ariz., is shown.

I had thought dude ranches – the places out west you'd visit to spend time galloping across the plains or desert with a background of mountain ranches – were from the past.

Popular around the time of Theodore Roosevelt, who loved to ride horses and hunt, dude ranches became popular in the 1880s, shortly after the Battle of Little Bighorn. They attracted people from America and also Europe.

Unlike, Western movies, which had their heyday from the 1930s to the 1960s, dude ranches have survived. Now called guest ranches, their numbers have fallen because the land they occupy is sold to developers for higher prices than owners can make offering lodging and horseback riding.

So, when my husband saw a deal for a long weekend at the White Stallion Ranch in Tucson, Ariz., I wasn't sure what to expect. I like to ride horses, and I loved the idea that on Saturday nights they served a ranch-style dinner that had been cooked all day inside a wood-burning adobe oven.

Would we have to kick tumbleweeds aside to get into an old rickety cabin that smelled like horses? Would we sing along around a roaring campfire as the stars shone across the desert sky?

No to the first, and yes to the latter.

The cottages are adobe baked to a rust color, and though the decor is decidedly Western, it's not tacky (excuse the pun).

The ranch is running specials right now because of the pandemic, though, as Russell True told me, social distancing is easy on a ranch. Russell is the son of Allen and Cynthia True, who bought the ranch in 1965.

To hear Russell describe it, the whole place was rough and tumble, and much more isolated as the interstate about 5 miles away hadn't been built yet. Tucson's population was about 260,000. It's now more than double that.

It was founded as a cattle ranch in the late 1800s, before Arizona was even a state, when about 5,100 people lived in Tucson. The 3,000 acres in the Sonoran Desert backs up to the Tucson Mountains and are surrounded by Saguaro National Park.

Movies starting filming here in 1939, when William Holden and Jean Arthur starred in "Arizona." In 1978, the James Garner film "The New Maverick" was filmed on the ranch. Two years later, Robert Conrad arrived for the making of "More Wild Wild West." In 2002, George Clooney directed and starred in "Confessions of a Dangerous Mind."

The ranch is much comfier than when the Trues arrived 55 years ago. The main building wasn't the gleaming glass, stone and wood midcentury modern style it is today.

When the Trues bought the 200-acre ranch, there were 17 rooms and 17 horses. Now operated by second- and third-generation Trues, the ranch encompasses 3,000 acres. The horse population is around 175, and there are 43 rooms and as well as 5-bedroom haciendas. Many of the True family members live on the property, including Russell's son, Steven, and his wife.

Despite all the changes, the old West feeling is still reflected in the cookery, trail rides, weekly rodeos, free-range cattle and landscape, as well as in the cattle drives, archery, rock climbing, hiking, shooting range and real-life lessons on how to pen cattle.

Over the years, there were many offers, but Allen True always turned them down.

"Do you know how much money you're saying no to?" one developer asked him, emphasizing the amount was in the millions of dollars.

But land was more important than cash to the Trues, and Allen replied that riches were a poor substitute for their life on the ranch. The lure of money is one of the reasons why the 30 ranches once in business here have dwindled to three.

The food served is international, but there's an overriding western/southwestern theme with taquitos, tacos, ribs and steaks grilled outside. The big paean to their history is their signature Indian Oven Dinner on Saturdays. It's a hard one to replicate at home, but just think of slow-braised pot roast with potatoes and carrots. Serve with flour or corn tortillas to add a little more flair.

They also offer food-oriented guided trail rides, including picnic luncheons, a wine-and-cheese ride, and a beer-and-Cheetos ride.

The following recipes are courtesy of White Stallion Ranch, and are among the favorites served there.

Peanut Butter Bars

For the bars:

3/4 cup shortening
3/4 cup peanut butter
1 cup brown sugar
1 cup white sugar
1 large egg
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 1/4 cups flour
1 1/4 cups oatmeal
3/4 teaspoon baking soda
1/4 teaspoon salt
Chocolate chips

For the topping:

1 cup powdered sugar
1/2 cup peanut butter
1 cup chocolate chips
2 to 4 tablespoons milk, as needed

Heat an oven to 350 degrees, or a convection oven to 300 degrees.

To make the bars: Cream the shortening, peanut butter, sugars, egg and vanilla well. Mix together the flour, oatmeal, soda and salt.

Beat the flour mixture into the creamed mixture.

Spread the dough by hand over a sprayed and floured 9-by-13-inch baking pan. Bake for 25 minutes until still chewy.

Immediately sprinkle on some chocolate chips, and spread over the bars when melted.

Beat the topping ingredients well, using enough milk to get a creamy consistency, then swirl over the chocolate. Cut and serve.

White Stallion Ranch Trail Mix

6 cups dry roasted peanuts
8 cups corn nuts
8 cups small twisted pretzels
8 cups thin pretzel sticks
1 family sized box, or 2 regular boxes, Wheat Thins
2 cups vegetable oil
2 cups butter, melted
4 tablespoons chili powder
1/4 cup Worcestershire sauce
10 drops Tabasco sauce
2 tablespoons garlic powder
1 tablespoon Lawry's Seasoned Salt (or make your own using the copycat recipe below)
1 tablespoon salt
1 teaspoon ground cumin

Mix the peanuts, corn nuts, pretzels and Wheat Thins on a large roasting pan.

Mix the oil, butter, chili powder, Worcestershire sauce, Tabasco sauce, garlic powder, seasoned salt, salt and cumin.

Pour over pretzel mixture, mixing well.

If using a convection oven, cook at 300 degrees for 15 minutes. If using a conventional oven, cook at 300 degrees for about 45 minutes.

Stir frequently to distribute the seasoning.

Remove from the oven, and let cool before serving.

'Lawry's Seasoned Salt'

2 tablespoons salt
2 teaspoons sugar
3/4 teaspoon paprika
1/4 teaspoon ground turmeric
1/4 teaspoon onion powder
1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
1/4 teaspoon cornstarch

Whisk ingredients together in a bowl.

Potato Chip Cookies

1 cup Crisco
1 cup sugar
1 cup brown sugar
2 eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla
2 cups coarsely crushed potato chips, coarsely crushed
1 (6-ounce) package white chocolate chips
2 1/2 cups flour
1 teaspoon baking soda

Heat an oven to 375 degrees.

Cream the Crisco and sugars. Add eggs and vanilla, and beat well.

Add the crushed potato chips and white chocolate chips.

Sift the flour and baking soda, and stir into creamed mixture.

Drop cookie balls on a greased cookie sheet, and cook for 10-12 minutes.

Honey Mustard Pork Tenderloin

1/4 cup vegetable oil
2 tablespoons brown sugar
2 tablespoons honey
2 tablespoons lemon juice
1 tablespoon Dijon-style mustard
2 teaspoons beef or chicken instant bouillon
1 (3/4- to 1-pound) pork tenderloin

In a large pan or plastic bag, combine all the ingredients, except the tenderloin.

Add the tenderloin. Cover, and marinate in a refrigerator for 6 hours, or overnight.

Remove the tenderloin from the marinade.

Grill or broil for 30 to 35 minutes at 350 degrees, or until the loin reaches 160 degrees in center. Baste frequently with heated marinade.

Remove from the oven, and let rest for 5 minutes. Slice and serve.

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BLOOD DRIVES

Versiti Blood Center of Michigan

■ Noon-7 p.m. today, Versiti Blood Center of Michigan, 2710 Cleveland Ave., St. Joseph.

■ 7 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Versiti Blood Center of Michigan, 2710 Cleveland Ave., St. Joseph.

■ 7 a.m.-1 p.m. Sunday, Versiti Blood Center of Michigan, 2710 Cleveland Ave., St. Joseph.

■ 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesday, Lakeland at Meadowbrook, conference room 3, 2550 Meadowbrook Road, Benton Harbor.

■ Noon-5 p.m. Tuesday, St. Bernard Catholic Church, community room, 555 E. Delaware Ave., Benton Harbor.

■ 1-7 p.m. Tuesday, The River Church, sanctuary, 8712 Red Arrow Highway, Watervliet.

■ Noon-7 p.m. Sept. 16, Versiti Blood Center of Michigan, 2710 Cleveland Ave., St. Joseph.

■ 1-6 p.m. Sept. 16, VFW, dance floor, 560 N. Phelps St., Decatur.

American Red Cross

■ 11 a.m.-4:45 p.m. Friday, Buchanan Seventh-day Adventist Church, 3115 Niles Buchanan Road, Buchanan.

■ Noon-5:45 p.m. Tuesday, Moose Lodge 697, 1025 Wells St., South Haven.

■ 11 a.m.-4:45 p.m. Sept. 16, Chapel Hill United Methodist Church, 4071 Naomi Road, Sodus.

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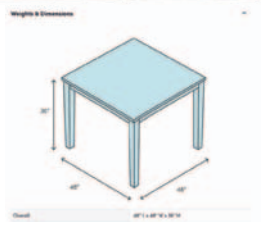

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By EUGENIA LAST

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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) A certain insight will lead to an emotional moment that requires honesty and clarity. Embrace the future wholeheartedly and put the past behind you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You can resolve sensitive issues if you have a positive attitude. Personal improvements will lift your spirits. Intellectual and emotional connections look promising.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Don't let a change of plans ruin your day. Take precautions when dealing with risky situations. Make your health and well-being priorities. Grant someone a favor.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Make professional moves or form a partnership. Ensure that you are financially stable before making an expenditure that may not be necessary. Someone will take advantage of you if you are gullible.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Take time to explain yourself and your actions. Unfinished business needs to be dealt with openly and honestly. A change at home will give you a new lease on life. Consider the possibilities.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You'll face uncertainty regarding personal matters, relationships and domestic issues. Refuse to let an outsider interfere in your business or your decisions. Protect your position, health and reputation.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19) New beginnings are overdue, and having a positive, forward-thinking attitude will make every transition easier. Love and romance are on the rise.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Avoid making a hasty decision. You have more options than you realize. Take a moment to discover the possibilities. Slow down, and follow the path that leads to peace of mind and long-term happiness.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Someone will play with your emotions if you are gullible or too accommodating. Use your intelligence, and you will recognize what's best for you. Romance is encouraged.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Look for the right moment to make a change. Be direct about your plans if you want to avoid interference. Someone from your past will entice you to consider something that isn't in your best interest.

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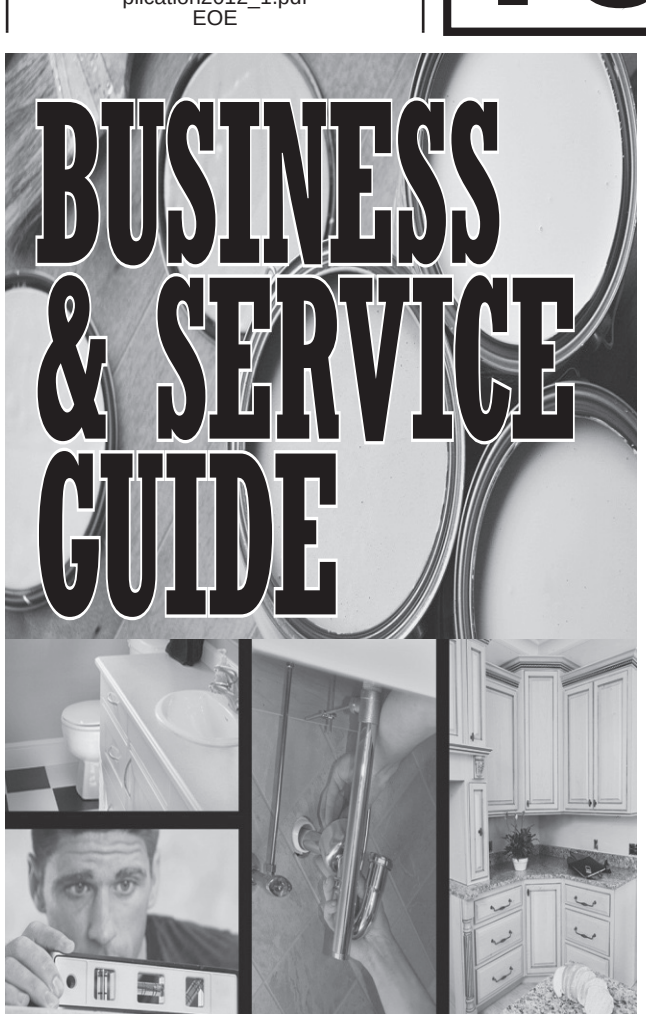

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Everyone knows all is fair in love and war. It goes for politics, too. Just consider Kamala Harris.

First there was Kamala Harris, the San Francisco district attorney, who oversaw more than 1,900 marijuana-related convictions, though she now says pot should be decriminalized.

Next there was Kamala Harris, the California attorney general, who opposed a bill that would have required the attorney general's office to investigate police shootings or issue statewide standards for police body cameras – both seen by some in the African American community as missed opportunities to improve justice for minorities.

She was followed by Kamala Harris, the most liberal of all senators, according to GovTrack, a nonpartisan organization that tracks bills in Congress.

Then came presidential candidate Harris, viewed so skeptically by her fellow Democrats, partly because of her record as a district attorney and attorney general, that she quit the race early.

That move led to nominee Harris, running mate to a guy she attacked during an early primary debate as a racist, whose name, should you need reminding, is Joe Biden. Which helps explain why now, there's yet another Harris, Biden's ambassador to activists.

During a virtual appearance on "The Late Show with Stephen Colbert" recorded in June but now, not coincidentally, in viral circulation, Harris sounded like the tribune of the street.

When Colbert asked about slackening media coverage of the Black Lives Matter protests, Harris said: "But they're not gonna stop. They're not gonna stop. And that's – they're not – this is a movement, I'm telling you. They're not gonna stop. And everyone beware, because they're not gonna stop ... They're not gonna stop before Election Day in November, and they're not gonna stop after Election Day."

Did she say "beware"? As in, "Beware, Dorothy?" What does that even mean? And how does she walk back her pro-protest attitude to those who want to deal with just one massive crisis at a time?

Of course, Biden tapped Harris, in part, to fill the racial gap that she herself created during the debates last year. Part of her job is to convince the Black community that Biden, who served for eight years as President Barack Obama's vice president, is worth turning out for in strength at the ballot box. If he has a problem with Black voters, it is a problem she helped to create.

When Colbert asked Harris how she managed to transform herself into a Biden supporter after she had left his teeth on the debate floor, she laughed and said: "It was a debate. It was a debate."

"So, you don't mean it?" queried Colbert, with the gleeful guile of a 10-year-old poking a cocoon to see what might emerge. Or, in this case, who.

"It was a debate," she said again, laughing again. "It was called a debate. ... There were journalists there covering the debate."

Meaning, apparently, that in politics, anything goes. Nothing is real. Whatever works.

This is one political lesson that President Trump never had to be taught. And Democrats are right to kick him for it. But they have their own version of it, too. Harris saw her opportunities and took them – even if it meant attacking the one man on the debate stage who perhaps among the entire field has worked longest and hardest for minority and women's rights.

In fairness, perhaps Harris and Biden now consider themselves even: He did oppose a policy of forced busing in his home state, a tool for integrating public schools that Harris herself said she benefited from while growing up in California. Making him pay for that opposition years later now looks like the shrewdest political maneuver ever.

Biden may be the candidate, but if he wins, Harris will have leapfrogged over more than a dozen others to become heiress apparent to the Oval Office.

In politics, however, one problem solved is often another problem created. Harris and Biden represent a very big coalition – one that is perhaps too large to maintain as the Black Lives Matter protests of summer give way to an uncertain fall. Biden's perfunctory speech last week condemning the violence at some of the protests tried to thread a needle between his coalition's liberal and centrist wings, but wound up feeling late and subdued. His rebuke of violent actors may not be enough to quell unease among moderate voters who have witnessed their fill of disruption and destruction.

Which suggests that if the job is to guarantee the Black vote for a candidate who has his eye on the center, even someone as versatile as Kamala Harris may have her work cut out for her.

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Kyle Rittenhouse is not a hero

Leonard Pitts

Kyle Rittenhouse is not a hero. Granted, many on the right are working overtime to paint him as such. "He's a good kid," his attorney, John Pierce, told Fox "News" last week. "He's a patriot," a man who declined to give his name told Politico. "He's a hero," a man named Alan Endries said. But he's not.

And the concocted tale of how the 17-year-old boy came to be on the streets of Kenosha, Wisconsin, during a civil disturbance, how he shot three people, killing two, simply doesn't pass the smell test. Who arms themselves with an AR-15-style rifle, leaves home and drives to another state to defend a business belonging to somebody else, a stranger to whom he has no connection? We're asked to believe Rittenhouse and other members of a right-wing street gang styling itself a "militia" gathered in Kenosha from a sense of public spiritedness? Please. For a bigger load of equine ordure, you'd have to visit a stable. No, their purpose was clear as an angel's conscience. They took to the streets looking for trouble. And Rittenhouse found it.

Here's what happened, according to timelines pieced together by ABC News and the New York Times from court documents and bystander video: Protesters angered by the Aug. 23 shooting of a black man named Jacob Blake seven times in the back by a police officer took to the streets the night of Aug. 25. Rittenhouse and the "militia" were assembled at a car dealer where video shows they were quite chummy with police, who offered water and gratitude. "We appreciate you guys," says one officer. "We really do."

Shortly before midnight, someone, for some reason, fires a gun. Rittenhouse is seen running across a parking lot, chased by a shirtless man, whom he apparently shoots. He runs, returns, then walks away talking on a cellphone. "I just killed somebody," he says. Moments later, he is fleeing down the street, chased by bystanders who seem to be trying to apprehend him. He stumbles and falls and while on the ground shoots two more people, one of whom reportedly had a handgun.

He walks toward police vehicles, hands up, rifle slung across his torso, as behind him, witnesses shout to the cops that he just shot people. The cops ignore him and he goes home, where he is arrested the following morning. Apparently, this armed white boy was judged to be no threat, despite all the people yelling that he was. Tucker Carlson would later rationalize all this: "How shocked are we that 17-year-olds with rifles decided they had to maintain order when no one else would?"

To recap: Before the shooting, police gave him water and attaboys. After the shooting, they let him walk right by. And Tucker Carlson is making excuses for him.

The imagination grinds like an 18-wheeler going uphill trying to conceive of an armed 17-year-old black boy being treated with similar deference. Or even an unarmed one, like Trayvon Martin. Take it as an inducement to reconsider how we construct our narratives of innocence – and guilt. Or not.

After all, just days later, Donald Trump's personal lawyer, William Barr (in his day job, he doubles as U.S. attorney general), opined how there "appears" to be a phenomenon where black people "feel" they're mistreated by police. "I don't think that that necessarily reflects some deep-seated racism," he sniffed.

And so it goes. We live a double standard some people call justice. Examples of its unfairness are abundant, yet abundantly denied. So beg pardon, but no, this vigilante is not a hero.

He's just another example.

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LETTERS

Don't send Upton back to Congress

Editor,

What new heights in mediocrity is Congressman Fred Upton promising in his 18th term that he hasn't "accomplished" in his first 17?

Upton's work lowering prescription drug costs is a joke. Without insurance, but with a "Good RX" coupon, one of my prescription's total cost is a fraction (a fraction!) of my Medicare Part D co-pay for the same drug. Understand that and you'll understand how truly feckless America's most mediocre congressman is. According to Opensecrets.org, two of Upton's four largest Political Action Committee contributors are the pharmaceutical industry and health care professionals. Only 7 percent of Upton's money comes from small donors.

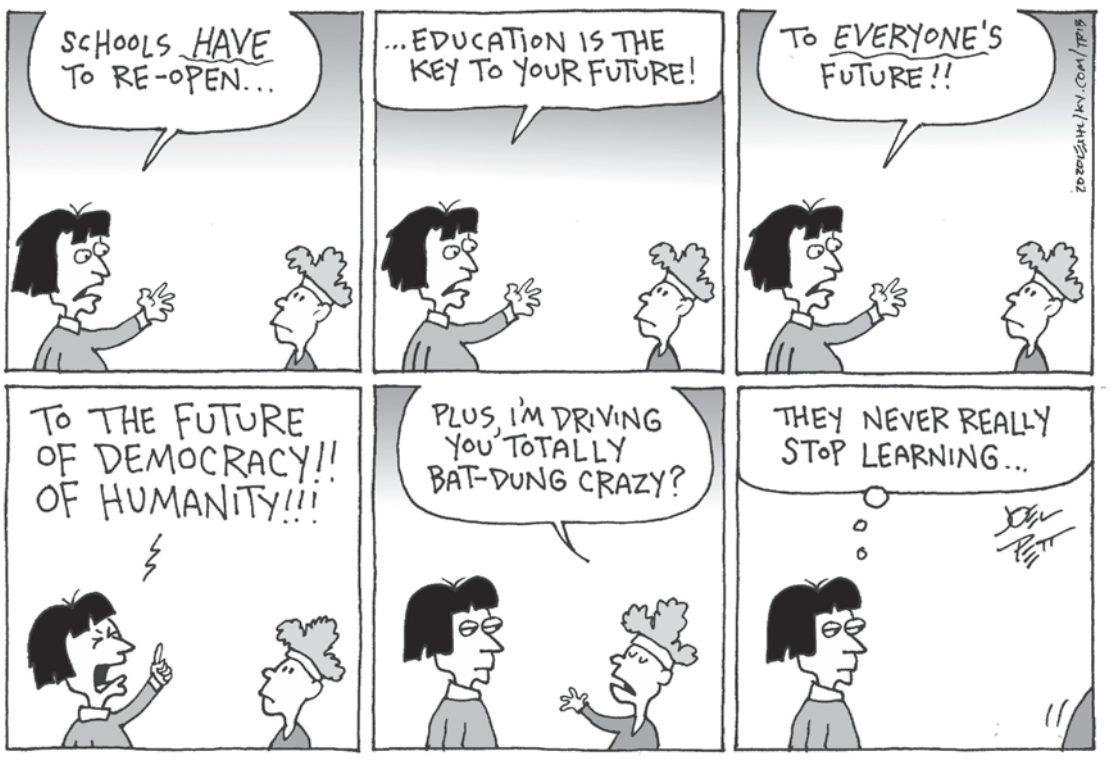
I can't imagine any congressperson, much less someone with 17 terms of experience, being less effective than Republican Fred Upton. Where are Upton's leadership skills after 34 years? What powerful committees does he chair? What legislation bears his name? Upton's "Kitchen Table Updates" are a daily exercise in gas-lighting. I've never seen so much hide so little.

Fred Upton is a weak and ineffectual leader who is either unable or unwilling to stand for what is decent, what is right, in America. Whether Trump is trashing a Gold Star family like Khizr Kahn's, a POW like John McCain, a patriot like Lt. Colonel Alexander Vindman or abandoning active service members to Russian bounty hunters, Upton's lack of courage dictates his silence on these and other moral issues of our time.

Don't punch yourself in the face for the 18th time expecting Upton to stand for what's decent, what's right, in America. America's most mediocre congressman, Fred Upton, is devoid of new ideas and lacks the moral authority to lead.

It's time to restore America's promise. Vote for Democrat Jon Hoadley this November. Don't punch yourself in the face for the 18th time.

Anthony Marsala
Benton Harbor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THEY NEVER REALLY STOP LEARNING...

Joe Biden's America would be improvement

Editor,

I have read that Joe Biden's America might be violent and unliveable, a little like the America we are currently living in. What we are living in is "Donald Trump's America." He has had over three years in the job yet he has not yet lived up to the position. He claimed credit for the rising economy he inherited, until he caused it to tank, then he blames someone else. He claims his re-election will calm the very problems that his actions have caused.

He still blames Obama for his own inactions and his own lack of understanding. He has totally blown the COVID crisis and we are living during this "Trump virus" as the worst in the world. He says he banned Chinese travel early on and saved many lives, but over 40,000 people came here during the "restriction" as he did not "ban" travel, but following his racist tendencies he only restricted the Chinese. If they wanted to come here they had to travel through Europe or South America, an easy way around the restriction.

So "corporal bone spurs" in acting as a "war-time president" has shown his skill level and we have nearly 200,000 dead. We need leaders who follow science and not their own gut and desire for riches.

We need leadership that knows the Confederacy actually lost the war and those that want to continue the fight are traitors and not patriots.

We need leadership that respects the rights of all citizens to live in a country that cares who has deadly weapons and whether they are sane and safe.

Melania had a private email account so I assume she should be "locked up," but like Ivanka that won't count.

Justice is for sale, as his friends are either commuted or given cabinet positions (before they are charged). Even when pleading guilty they will walk if they don't talk.

In closing I wonder if a Black teen strapped a rifle to his chest and walked into a protest would he be stopped? If he fired the gun in the protest would he be arrested? If he fired into the face of a protester, blew the arm off another protester and killed a second protester would the black teen walk through the police and go home with his mom? We all know, the Black teen would be added to a list that is way too long. Yet our current leader defends the actions of what he called non-violent supporters.

It would be nice to replace SWAT teams with sociologists and keep the armor for war. Police are dedicated and brave citizens that are taxed with a difficult job; they have become too dependent on force in too many situations. They need our cooperation in order to maintain the peace we all want. Moving funds from bullitts to training would be a good start.

Joe Biden is correct when he says "rioting is not protesting"

Please vote with your head and your heart; we are better than this. Joe Biden's America could not be more inviting.

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ANOTHER OPINION

America's poll worker shortage is a brewing crisis

With less than two months until Election Day, the U.S. faces a shortage of one critical resource: poll workers. Thanks to the threat of COVID-19, many of them – especially seniors – will likely stay home. Without sufficient staffing at polling stations, voters may have to wait for hours before casting their ballots, or see voting sites closed altogether – a prospect that risks disenfranchising citizens in low-income communities hit hard by the pandemic.

According to voting rights advocates, the country needs at least 250,000 new poll workers to handle the expected demand for in-person voting. Meeting that goal requires immediate action from election officials. That includes boosting poll worker pay, expanding recruitment drives aimed at younger volunteers and encouraging state agencies to give workers time off to serve.

Even before the pandemic, the country's supply of poll workers was dwindling. More than two-thirds of jurisdictions reported difficulty recruiting enough staff in the 2018 midterm elections, which involved more than 600,000 poll workers. To fill these needs, local officials draw heavily from older citizens and retirees who have time to get trained and work all-day shifts on Election Day. Of those who served in 2018, 57 percent were over the age of 60.

The coronavirus has made this demographic imbalance a crisis. During this year's primaries, concerns about infection caused waves of volunteers to back out, forcing election officials to close polling stations.

By making in-person voting less accessible, the dearth of poll workers could swing the outcome in closely contested states. Advocacy organizations like More Than A Vote, an initiative targeting Black voters and led by LeBron James, are trying to raise awareness about shortages and jump-start recruitment. Another group, Power the Polls, is promoting a web portal that helps volunteers sign up and connects them with local election boards.

These efforts are welcome, but given the urgency of the situation, policy makers need to go further. States should consider offering bonuses for those who work in high-volume polling stations, for instance. Age restrictions should be eased to allow high school students who pass a training course to work as pages and provide logistical support. And state agencies should grant government workers paid administrative leave to train and serve, as a measure approved by Florida earlier this year does.

Congress needs to do its part, too. The House has passed a $3.6 billion package to help states prepare for the election that, among other things, would help cover the cost of protective equipment for poll workers. Republicans in the Senate should drop their resistance and approve the funding. It's the least they could do for those willing to risk their health to help their fellow citizens vote.

– Bloomberg Opinion

Companies testing vaccines pledge safety, high standards

By LINDA A. JOHNSON
Associated Press

The top executives of nine drugmakers likely to produce the first vaccines against the new coronavirus signed an unprecedented pledge meant to boost public confidence in any approved vaccines.

The companies said Tuesday that they will stick to the highest ethical and scientific standards in testing and manufacturing and will make the well-being of those getting vaccinated their top priority.

The announcement comes amid worries that President Donald Trump will pressure the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to approve a vaccine before it's proven to be safe and effective.

The president has repeatedly said a vaccine could be ready by the end of the year, or even as early as October. His administration also is pressing ahead with what it calls "Operation Warp Speed," a program meant to accelerate the development and manufacture of vaccines.

Meanwhile, public health officials have expressed doubt that adequate data on vaccine safety and effectiveness would be available before November. They also worry if Americans stay away from the vaccine because they don't trust it, COVID-19 will be harder to control.

The pledge announced Tuesday was signed by the chief executive officers of American drugmakers Johnson & Johnson, Merck, Moderna, Novavax and Pfizer, and European companies AstraZeneca, BioNTech, GlaxoSmithKline and Sanofi. BioNTech has partnered with Pfizer on one of the three vaccines now in the final round of human testing.

The companies said they will seek approval or authorization for emergency use only after they have confirmed the vaccines work and are safe through a large, final round of human testing.

"We believe this pledge will help ensure public confidence in the rigorous scientific and regulatory process by which COVID-19 vaccines are evaluated and may ultimately be approved," the pledge states.

The CEOs also promised to "ensure a sufficient supply and range of vaccine options, including those suitable for global access." The statement noted the nine companies previously created more than 70 new vaccines against deadly diseases, helping to eradicate some of them.

The executives likely worry that skepticism about the their medicines could limit sales, given an AP-NORC poll in May found that only about half of those surveyed planned to get the vaccine. The country already has a small, but vocal, group of "anti-vaxxers" who oppose giving their children the many standard vaccines.

The FDA's credibility also has been shaken by its emergency authorizations – at the urging of the Trump administration – for two unproven treatments, convalescent plasma and malaria drug hydroxychloroquine. Both were heavily criticized by many medical experts.

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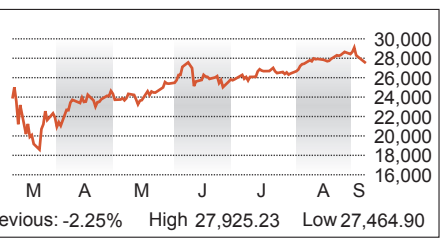

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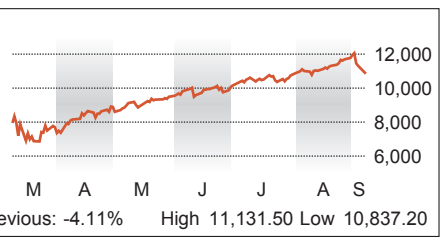

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Whirlpool WHR
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LocalStocks

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AT&T Inc	T	26.08	39.70	29.51	+.09	+0.3	▲	▼	▼
AEP	AEP	65.14	104.97	78.98	-.07	-0.1	▼	▼	▼
Apple Inc s	AAPL	52.77	137.98	112.82	-8.14	-6.7	▼	▲	▲
AutoZone	AZO	684.91	1274.41	1211.49	+4.70	+0.4	▲	▲	▲
BP PLC	BP	15.51	40.08	20.15	-.39	-1.9	▼	▼	▼
CMS Eng	CMS	46.03	69.12	60.50	-1.16	-1.9	▼	▼	▲
CocaCola	KO	36.27	60.07	49.81	-1.23	-2.4	▼	▲	▲
Comcast	CMCSA	31.71	47.74	43.81	-.62	-1.4	▼	▲	▲
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Disney	DIS	79.07	153.41	134.20	+2.21	+1.7	▲	▲	▲
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ExxonMbl	XOM	30.11	75.18	38.18	-.90	-2.3	▼	▼	▼
FifthThird	FITB	11.10	31.64	21.00	-.63	-2.9	▼	▼	▲
1stSource	SRCE	26.07	53.42	33.75	-.97	-2.8	▼	▼	▼
FordM	F	3.96	9.65	7.03	+.13	+1.9	▲	▼	▲
GenElec	GE	5.48	13.26	6.14	-.28	-4.4	▼	▼	▼
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Lowes	LOW	60.00	171.32	153.74	-2.65	-1.7	▼	▼	▲
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Target	TGT	90.17	156.10	144.00	-3.23	-2.2	▼	▲	▲
TractSupp	TSCO	63.89	155.56	136.76	-5.32	-3.7	▼	▼	▲
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WalgBoots	WBA	36.50	64.50	36.10	-.79	-2.1	▼	▼	▼
Wendys Co	WEN	6.82	24.04	21.85	+.27	+1.3	▲	▼	▲
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Worthgtn	WOR	19.28	44.69	40.56	-1.44	-3.4	▼	▼	▲
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OBITUARIES

E. Russell 'Russ' Bruce

Jan. 1, 1942 – Sept. 5, 2020

E. Russell "Russ" Bruce, 78, of Berrien Springs entered into Eternal Rest on Sept. 5, 2020, at home, surrounded by his loving family.

Russ was born Jan. 1, 1942, in Mt. Pleasant, Mich., to Gail D. and Elizabeth "Betty" Bruce. He graduated from Mt. Pleasant High School and pursued higher education through Western Michigan University and Grand Valley State University, with an emphasis on history.

On July 8, 1972, he married Sandra Bennett, in Sodus. During their 48 years of marriage, they traveled extensively and shared wonderful experiences.

Russ spent most of his working life as a medical administrator at Southwestern Medical Clinic. He was an avid collector of movies, records, and baseball cards. He was also an avid reader of history and philosophy, and was especially proud of his Scottish heritage. He spent many years in his retirement working on his family's genealogy.

He loved rock and roll music, especially Elvis Presley, Bob Dylan, and the Beatles, and loved all other types of music. Russ also loved baseball and football; he was an avid Detroit Tigers and Lions fan. Most of all, Russ loved and cherished his family.

Russ is survived by his wife, Sandra; sister, Vivian (Darius) Conger of Spencer, N.Y.; his sons: Robert (Kathy) of Berrien Springs, Michael (Fallon) of Chicago, and Devonta of Boise, Idaho; grandsons: Tre and Russell; and granddaughter, Farrah; along with numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends.

Russ was preceded in death by his parents, Gail and Betty Bruce of Mt. Pleasant; as well as his beloved father-in-law and mother-in-law: Archie and Hazel Bennett.

A celebration of his life will be held at a later date. Interment will be at Riverside Cemetery in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan, in a private ceremony.

Russ was devoted to helping the less fortunate; he was known for helping the homeless during his and Sandra's years living in Chicago. In that same spirit, the family would appreciate, in lieu of flowers, that Russ's memory is honored by donating to either Alzheimer's Association Michigan Great Lakes Chapter (alz.org), or Musicians in Solidarity (musiciansinsolidarty.org).

Sharon J. Tescallo

Feb. 20, 1941 – Sept. 4, 2020

Sharon J. Tescallo, 79, of Stevensville passed away Friday, Sept. 4, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph.

A celebration of life service will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 11, at Trinity Lutheran Church, Court and Market streets, St. Joseph, with the Rev. Michael Roth officiating. Burial will follow at Riverview Cemetery in St. Joseph. Friends may visit with the family from 4-7 p.m. Thursday at Starks & Menchinger Chapel, 2650 Niles Road, St. Joseph. Memorial donations in Sharon's name may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital. Those wishing to sign Sharon's memory book online may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Sharon was born Feb. 20, 1941, in St. Joseph to Harvey and Elsie (Bandurski) Stroshein. She grew up as a "Sand Rabbit" on Silver Beach along the shores of Lake Michigan and graduated from St. Joseph High School, class of 1959. On Nov. 21, 1959, she married John Tescallo at Trinity Lutheran Church in St. Joseph.

Sharon had a career of 50 years at Fifth-Third Bank in St. Joseph/Stevensville, retiring in 2008. Along with her banking career, she and John owned and operated the Jungle Inn in St. Joseph, the Clark Gas Station on Napier in Benton Harbor, along with numerous rental properties. Sharon was a life-long member of Trinity Lutheran Church in St. Joseph. Sharon loved watching "Dancing with the Stars," clipping coupons for shopping, and doing jig-saw puzzles. She loved animals and always surrounded herself with rescue dogs and cats. She will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

Sharon is survived by her daughter, Kimberly Tescallo of St. Joseph.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, John, on Sept. 25, 1985, and by two sisters: infant Sandra Stroshein in 1939 and Barbara Stroshein in 2010.

Rosalie nee Potts, (Cook) Malott

June 15, 1936 – Sept. 7, 2020

Rosalie nee Potts, (Cook) Malott, of LaGrange, Ind., and St. Joseph passed away Monday, Sept. 7, 2020, at her home.

She was born on June 15, 1936, in South Zanesville, Ohio, to Clifford and Leone Potts.

Rosalie married David A. Cook on October 23, 1954, who preceded her in death on Jan. 7, 2002. On Sept. 4, 2004, she married Herbert F. Malott.

Rosalie was employed over 30 years at St. Joseph Savings & Loan where she retired as vice president of the Mortgage and Loan Department. Her greatest joys were time spent with family and friends as well as cooking the most fantastic Sunday dinners.

She will be deeply missed by all who have known her.

Proceeded in death were her parents; one sister; two brothers; and son, Robert A. Cook.

Rosalie is survived by her husband, Herbert; son, Steven (Denise) Cook; daughter, Julie (John) Roose; daughter, Susan (Brian) Patzer; grandchildren: Brandon (Kara) Dipert, Katie (David) Moran, Kim (Jordan) O'Hearn, Tyler Cook, Ellen Steinbrook; great-grandchildren: Madison, Norah, Porter and Lucy; step-children: Diana Malott, Mike (Reese) Malott; step-grandchildren: Shon and Sarah; step-great-grandchildren: Kirie and Charlotte.

A celebration of life service will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11, at Starks & Menchinger Chapel, 2650 Niles Road, St. Joseph, with Pastor Joan Oleson officiating. Burial will follow at Hickory Bluff Cemetery. Friends may visit with the family from 1 p.m. until time of service on Friday at the funeral home. Following state guidelines, masks will be required while present at the funeral home and graveside.

Memorial contributions may be made to Parkview Hospice, 1900 Carew St. #6, Fort Wayne, IN 46805. Those wishing to leave an online condolence may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Death notices

Christopher Bikichky, 44, of Berrien Springs died Sept. 8, 2020, at Hanson Hospice Center, Stevensville. Allred Funeral Home, Berrien Springs, 471-3729.

Kenneth Clark, 82, of Berrien Springs died Sept. 6, 2020, at home. Heritage Chapel, Berrien Springs, 471-2700.

Mae Hill, 89, of Dowagiac died Sept. 7, 2020, at Ascension Borgess-Lee Hospital in Dowagiac. Brown Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Coral Jannssen, 72, of Berrien Springs died Sept. 7, 2020, at her home. Allred Funeral Home, Berrien Springs, 471-3729.

Brenda E. Keller, 56, of Sodus died Sept. 5, 2020. Pobocik Chapel Wagner Family Funerals, Three Oaks, 756-3831.

Michael Krager Jr., 81, of Dowagiac died Sept. 6, 2020, at Ascension Borgess Hospital in Kalamazoo. Clark Chapel, Dowagiac, 782-2135.

Michele W. Perkins, 50, of Union Pier died Sept. 8, 2020. Pobocik Chapel Wagner Family Funerals, Three Oaks, 756-3831.

Doris Piraino, 93, of Benton Harbor died Sept. 7, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Service, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Jerry Probst, 77, of Niles died Sept. 8, 2020, at his home. Brown Funeral Home, Niles, 461-1155.

Eugene Toussaint, 85, of Berrien Springs died Sept. 5, 2020, at Hallmark Living in Benton Harbor. Allred Funeral Home, Berrien Springs, 471-3729.

Gerald Charles Zoller, 77, of Stevensville died Sept. 7, 2020, at Caretel Inns of Lakeland in St. Joseph. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 281-1683.

Kenneth 'Captain Casey' Clark

Jan. 2, 1938 – Sept. 6, 2020

Kenneth "Captain Casey" Clark, 82, of Berrien Springs passed away at home Sunday, Sept. 6, 2020, surrounded by his loving family.

Casey was born Jan. 2, 1938, to Charles and Thelma (Worthington) Clark in St. Joseph. He graduated from Berrien Springs High School in 1956. He lived a full life, beginning with a robust athletic career. Casey was an all-state athlete in football, basketball and track. He held the high school conference basketball record for scoring 57 points in a single game, a state high jump record and a K-College high jump record. Another impressive accolade was being named "Outstanding Senior Athlete" of Berrien County. Not only was Casey an outstanding athlete, he also maintained high academics, was an Eagle Scout, and received 19 ribbons in one year at the Berrien County Youth Fair.

Upon graduating from high school, Casey earned his bachelor's degree from Kalamazoo College, where he was a member of the basketball and track teams. Casey then returned to the classroom for nearly 40 years, spending the majority of his career at Coloma High School where he taught biology, advanced biology and medical technology. Additionally, he coached varsity basketball and track for many years.

Athletics and academics were not Casey's only areas of expertise. He was also a great sportsman and was talented at anything he put his mind to including fishing, hunting, taxidermy, bowling, and poker. In bowling, Casey achieved a 227 average and an 802 series. To many, Casey was known as Captain Casey, as he was an avid fisherman who chartered boats on the Great Lakes for 25 years, fished competitively in the Master Walleye Circuit for 10 years, and also held patents for several of his fishing inventions. Over the years, countless people had their "biggest catch" with Captain Casey.

Though Casey was accomplished in many areas, he most valued the relationships he had with others. None was more important than his marriage to his high school sweetheart and the love of his life, Alice Myers, on April 16, 1960, at the United Methodist Church in Berrien Springs. Together, they built a wonderful family and life. Casey was a wise and loving husband, father, grandfather, uncle, and friend, who greatly valued time spent with those he held dear.

Casey is survived by his wife of 60 years, Alice Clark; children: Catrina (Jim) Weaver of Comstock Park, Mich., Kenneth Clark of Berrien Springs, Michael (Shun) Clark of Watervliet, Rodney (Melissa) Clark of Buchanan, and Calisa (Perry) Norman of Vicksburg, Mich.; 21 grandchildren plus their nine spouses; 17 great-grandchildren; brother, John "Jay" (Ginger) Clark; sister, Kathie Kiker; sister-in-law, Jane Clark; numerous nieces and nephews; lifelong hunting and fishing partners and friends: Larry Yonker, Walter Wolf, Dick Tropp, Mike Jones, Todd Bailey, Bill Smith, Mark Hettig, Ted Archer and Neil McMillen, and countless other family members and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents: Charles and Thelma Clark, and brother, Charles Clark.

A celebration of life service will be at a later date due to current events. Memorial contributions can be directed to: 'Captain Casey and Alice Clark' GoFundMe campaign at: https://gf.me/u/ywb9sh; or the Berrien Springs United Methodist Church, 310 W. Mars Street, Berrien Springs, MI 49103

Arrangements have been entrusted to Heritage Chapel, Berrien Springs. Those wishing to share a condolence or memory for the family may do so at www.heritage-chapel.com.

Ronda R. Pipkins

June 21, 1962 – Sept. 3, 2020

Ronda L. Pipkins, 58, of Benton Harbor passed away Thursday, Sept. 3, 2020, at home.

A celebration of life service will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 11, at Starks and Menchinger Chapel, 2650 Niles Road, St. Joseph. Burial will follow in Millburg Cemetery, Benton Harbor. Visitation will be one hour prior to the funeral from 10-11 a.m., also at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family. Those wishing to share a memory or condolence online may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Ronda was born June 21, 1962, to Barbara and Charles Pipkins in Benton Harbor. Ronda never knew a stranger and was loved by all. She was always happy with a smile on her face. Most of all, Ronda cherished time spent with her family, especially her children and mother.

Ronda is survived by her mother, Barbara Parritt; father, Charles Pipkins; children: Charles Pipkins, Kenneth (Mandy) Hanners, Angel (Matt) Foster and Victoria Pipkins; sisters: Christine Pipkins-Phillips and Barbara Pipkins; eight grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her sister, Debbie Pipkins-James.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

1995 – 25 years ago

Move over Disneyland, Mickey Mouse is alive and well at the home of Dan and Donna Thompson in Stevensville. A drive through downtown past the couple's house certainly attests to it. On the garage door are life-size pictures of Mickey Mouse and his girlfriend, Minnie. "There was a big white space (on the garage doors); it needed something and that's what it needed," Dan said. The famous mouse couple was hand-painted on the garage door by Donna, who said the project took her 19 ½ hours. There's also the Mickey Mouse mailbox and Mickey Mouse garbage can.

1985 – 35 years ago

Buchanan officials are taking steps to counter a skunk invasion that apparently has some residents wondering about the accuracy of the city's motto "A Fine Place to Live." In the opening battle of an apparent war, the City Commission on Monday night approved the purchase of five skunk traps. According to city officials, a small army of the stinky critters has moved into Buchanan. City Manager Clyde Remmo said the traps will be loaned to property owners, who can use them to catch the estimated 30 skunks that are paying nightly visits to various neighborhoods. According to a report presented to the city by Clerk Herbert Russell, skunks will be lured into the cage-like traps by chicken lased with tranquilizers. Once a trap is sprung, the doped-up skunk and cage are carefully covered with a blanket and transported to an area landfill and disposed of.

1970 – 50 years ago

Nine-year-old Carey Ross, one of 330,000 boys participating in Pitch, Hit and Throw competition across the country, won a divisional championship at Tiger Stadium in his age group. There were 14 divisional champions across the country, and Carey finished sixth in the nation by score comparison. Carey is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Ross of St. Joseph.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Wednesday, Sept. 9, the 253rd day of 2020. There are 113 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:

On Sept. 9, 1776, the second Continental Congress made the term "United States" official, replacing "United Colonies."

On this date:

In 1543, Mary Stuart was crowned Queen of Scots at Stirling Castle, nine months after she was born.

In 1850, California became the 31st state of the union.

In 1942, during World War II, a Japanese plane launched from a submarine off the Oregon coast dropped a pair of incendiary bombs in a failed attempt at igniting a massive forest fire; it was the first aerial bombing of the U.S. mainland by a foreign power.

In 1948, the People's Democratic Republic of Korea (North Korea) was declared.

In 1971, prisoners seized control of the maximum-security Attica Correctional Facility near Buffalo, New York, beginning a siege that ended up claiming 43 lives.

5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Few Showers	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Chance T-storms	Few Showers
70°	56°	68° / 52°	71° / 55°	76° / 61°	73° / 54°

Local Outlook

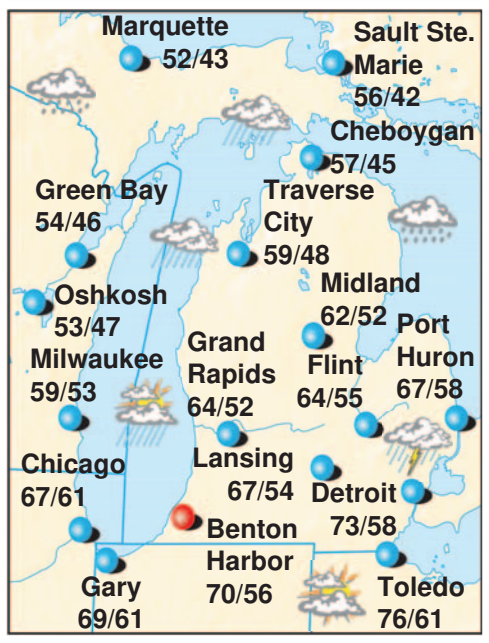
Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a 45% chance of showers, high temperature of 70°, humidity of 77%. Northeast wind 11 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with a slight chance of showers, overnight low of 56°. North northeast wind 6 to 11 mph.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise ..... 7:20 a.m.
Sunset ..... 8:04 p.m.
Moonrise ..... 11:59 p.m.
Moonset ..... 2:24 p.m.

Last	New	First	Full
9/10	9/17	9/23	10/1

Regional Map



Local Almanac

Benton Harbor Yesterday

Temperature

High	73°
Low	59°
Normal High	77°
Normal Low	56°
Record High	94° in 2002
Record Low	50° in 1999

Precipitation

Yesterday	0.73"
Month to date	1.36"
Normal for month	1.05"
Year to date	27.18"
Normal Year to date	26.59"

Air Quality

Yesterday 35
Main Offender ..... Particles

The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.

0-50 ..... Good
51-100 ..... Moderate
101-150 .... Sensitive
151-200 .. Unhealthy

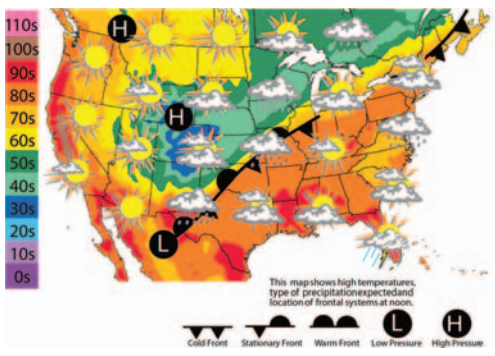
Weather Trivia

What is chionophobia?

Answer: Chionophobia is the fear of snow.

National Weather Map

Forecast map for Sept. 9, 2020



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Lake Michigan

Today, ENE wind around 13 kt. A chance of showers. Waves around 2 ft. Water temperature 72 degrees. Tonight, NE wind 9 to 14 kt. A slight chance of showers. Waves around 2 ft.

Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula

Today, skies will be cloudy with scattered rain and showers, highs in the 50s. North northeast wind 6 to 9 mph. Expect partly cloudy to mostly cloudy skies Thursday with widespread showers, highs in the 60s. South southeast wind 3 to 6 mph.

Lower Peninsula

Today, skies will be mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms, highs in the 60s and 70s. Northeast wind 11 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies Thursday with highs in the 60s and 70s. North northeast wind 7 to 10 mph.

Firefighters injured, airlifted in central California blaze

By MARCIO JOSE SANCHEZ and CHRISTOPHER WEBER
Associated Press

SHAVER LAKE, Calif. — The U.S. Forest Service says 14 firefighters and bulldozer operators were injured Tuesday while battling a blaze in central California. One is in critical condition.

The Forest Service says the crew has injuries that include burns and smoke inhalation. Three were airlifted to a hospital, including one in critical condition.

Officials say they were fighting the Dolan Fire in Los Padres National Forest in Monterey County and the firefighters had to deploy their fire protection shelters.

The three injured were flown to a hospital in Fresno.

Helicopters flew through dense smoke Tuesday to rescue scores more people from wildfires as wind-fanned flames kept chewing through bone-dry California after a scorching Labor Day weekend that saw a dramatic airlift of more than 200.

Rescue choppers pulled another 164 people from the Sierra National Forest through the morning and were working to rescue 17 others, said Gov. Gavin Newsom, who described pilots wearing night-vision goggles to find a place to land.

"It's where training meets the moment, but it always takes the courage, the conviction and the grit of real people doing real work," Newsom said.

California has already set a record with nearly 2.3 million acres burned this year, and the worst part of the wildfire season is just beginning.

"This is historic," Newsom said in a briefing from Sacramento.

Noah Berger / AP

Firefighter Dan Robles extinguishes a hot spot while battling the Creek Fire on Tuesday in Fresno County, Calif.

The previous acreage record was set just two years ago and included the deadliest wildfire in state history, which swept through the community of Paradise and killed 85 people.

That 2018 blaze was started by power lines amid strong winds and tinder-dry conditions. Liability from billions of dollars in claims from that and other fires forced the state's largest utility, Pacific Gas & Electric, to seek bankruptcy protection. To guard against new disasters, the company last year began preemptive power shutoffs when fire conditions are exceptionally dangerous.

That's the situation now in Northern California, where high and dry winds are expected until Wednesday. PG&E said it has learned from past problems and will seek this year to make the outages "smaller in size, shorter in length and smarter for customers."

Over the weekend, the company cut power to 172,000 customers to try to prevent more blazes.

More than 14,000 firefighters are battling more than two dozen fires around the state. Two of the three largest blazes in state history are burning in the San Francisco Bay Area.

California was not alone: Hurricane-force winds and high temperatures kicked up wildfires across parts of the Pacific Northwest over the holiday weekend, burning hundreds of thousands of acres and mostly destroying the small town of Malden in eastern Washington.

In Southern California, fires burned in Los Angeles, San Bernardino and San Diego counties, and the forecast called for the arrival of the region's notorious Santa Ana winds. The U.S. Forest Service on Monday decided to close all eight national forests in the region and to shutter campgrounds statewide.

"Existing fires are displaying extreme fire behavior. New fire starts are likely. Weather conditions are worsening, and we simply do not have enough resources to fully fight and contain every fire," said Randy Moore, a forester for the Forest Service's Pacific Southwest region that covers California.

LINCOLN TWP.

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On Tuesday, the board voted in favor of a temporarily polling location change for the fifth precinct, assuming the township comes to an agreement with The Chapel along Washington Avenue.

"This will be a bigger election and they would have a bigger space," Loar-Porter said.

Loar-Porter also announced that township offices are now open to the public from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays.

The next township board meeting is at 7 p.m. on Oct. 13 at Lincoln Township Hall.

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SOUTH HAVEN

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administrator and director for the W.E. Upjohn Institute in Kalamazoo.

Candidate interviews will be conducted online between Sept. 15-18, and can be viewed on the city's website.

To maintain social distancing, only the interview panel, the candidate, Wise and City Clerk Travis Sullivan will be in the council chambers during the interview. However, they will continue to adhere to Michigan's Open Meetings Act by broadcasting all of the interviews, according to Wise.

The interview schedule is:

■ Tuesday, Sept. 15 – Mark Borden, 6 p.m.; Daywi Cook, 7:15 p.m.

■ Wednesday, Sept. 16 – Aaron Thelenwood, 7 p.m.; Brady Selner, 8:15 p.m.

■ Thursday, Sept. 17 – Timothy Wolff, 6 p.m.; Tyler Dotson, 7:15 p.m.

■ Friday, Sept. 18 – Kate Hosier, 7 p.m.; panelist discussion, 8:15 p.m.

"At the conclusion of the interviews, the interview panel will review all scores and notes and vote on which candidates to recommend to council as finalists," Wise said. "That recommendation will be presented and discussed at the Sept. 21 council meeting."

The city council hopes to hire a new city manager no later than the end of October.

SENATE

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such legislation. Donald Trump's 2016 victory in battleground Michigan was razor thin.

Johnson said cities or townships with more than 25,000 residents should be able to do certain processing of absentee ballots on Monday, Nov. 2. Clerks could remove the ballot from an outer envelope but not from an inner secrecy envelope, she said. Counting could still begin at 7 a.m. on Nov. 3.

"This needs to be a priority. I believe we have the bipartisan votes to get it passed," Johnson said. "There may be 3 million absentee ballots in November, which is double our last highest amount almost."

She said even more important is Senate-passed legislation that would allow for shifts at absentee counting boards, so tired workers no longer have to stay so long – sometimes 20 hours or more. The bill is pending in a House panel.

"If you have to sit in one place and make sure every I is totted, every T is crossed, you can only do that for so many hours without starting to make mistakes," Johnson said.

At least one frustrated election official said Tuesday that Gov. Gretchen Whitmer should act because legislators have not. Ingham County Clerk Barb Byrum, a Democrat, wrote a letter asking the Democratic governor to issue executive orders letting local clerks pre-process ballots 24 to 48 hours before Election Day and allowing proxy voting by military and overseas voters due to postal delays.

"The Legislature has failed to act to make the necessary changes to allow our clerks the flexibility that they so desperately need," Byrum said in a statement. "If unofficial election results do not come out on Election Night, I worry about the public losing faith in our democratic system."

TRUCKS

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Singleton said he appreciates the help of staff from Benton Township, which has been picking up its own trash for more than 40 years.

"They have been giving us lots of information and advice," he said. "They know some of the pitfalls."

During the meeting, Mayor Marcus Muhammad said it's important to bring services back under city control.

He said he recently heard a former university president talk about "how when your staff is outsourced, then that's a loss of power."

"Hopefully, as we continue to accrue revenue and have economic development, we can begin to bring all of our services back where we're employing residents of the city of Benton Harbor," Muhammad said.

Singleton said his background may be in law enforcement, but it wasn't hard to transfer that knowledge to trash collection.

"All of it is public service," he said. "In the long run, I believe we'll have a cleaner city."

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